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**MEMORANDUM:**

**TO:** Florida College System Workforce Administrators  
School District Technical College Directors  
District Career and Technical Education Directors

**FROM:** Kevin O’Farrell, Ph.D.

**DATE:** January 9, 2023

**SUBJECT: **Implementation of Senate Bill 44: An Act Relating to the Use of Drones by Government Agencies****

In 2021, Senate Bill (SB) 44 - An Act Relating to the Use of Drones by Government Agencies amended section (s.) 934.50, Florida Statute (F.S.) and required all governmental agencies to discontinue use of drones not produced by an approved manufacturer. The Florida Department of Management Services (DMS) was required to develop rules and a list of approved drone manufacturers, which can be located at:

[https://www.dms.myflorida.com/business\\_operations/state\\_purchasing/approved\\_drone\\_manufacturers](https://www.dms.myflorida.com/business_operations/state_purchasing/approved_drone_manufacturers)

Both school districts and Florida College System institutions fall under the definition of “governmental agency” as defined by s. 934.50, F.S. As a reminder, January 1, 2023, is the date by which all governmental agencies, as defined by s. 934.50, F.S., must discontinue use of drones not produced by an approved manufacturer.

Implementation inquiries may be directed to DMS at [drones@dms.fl.gov](mailto:drones@dms.fl.gov).

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