



# Wickr and PAR Government offers TAK-as-a-Service Solution for ATAK users

Wickr and PAR Government have launched a joint capability providing the Team Awareness Kit (TAK) community with a solution that combines end-to-end encrypted collaboration with Android Team Awareness Kit (ATAK) and non-ATAK users.

This comes as many State and Local Government agencies will be disconnected from their government hosted TAK server on April 30. These organizations are looking for a situational awareness and secure communication solution to improve their common operating picture with neighboring agencies.

## About AWS Wickr and the Wickr ATAK Plugin

AWS Wickr is an end-to-end encrypted service that helps organizations communicate securely through one-to-one and group messaging, voice and video calling, file sharing, screen sharing, and location sharing.

Wickr's ATAK Plugin provides operators with a seamless and secure user experience directly within ATAK. The plug-in also addresses data retention challenges associated with commonly used messaging applications and offer customers the ability to maintain and record its own data within ATAK.

## About PAR Government's Sit(x) platform

PAR Government's [Sit\(x\)<sup>®</sup> platform](#)—built on [AWS GovCloud](#) infrastructure—allows agencies to quickly expand, federate, and data sync on the fly without imposing a heavy burden on TAK administrators. It's a cloud native capability that's fully interoperable with ATAK, Windows Team Awareness Kit (WinTAK), and the Government off-the-shelf TAK Server.

## About the TAK-as-a-Service solution

The Wickr and PAR Government Sit(x) solution offers a variety of deployment capabilities for both connected and disconnected environments. This combined solution also allows State and Local Government, Federal Agencies, and DoD operators to communicate in a single user interface—maintaining a common operating picture when responding, assisting, or training for large-scale events. Customers can take advantage of a 60-day trial to test, evaluate, and validate operational advantages.

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## TAKaaS vs. build your own TAK server

This comparison matrix highlights the benefits of Sit(x) on AWS GovCloud relative to a traditional TAK Server on AWS GovCloud.

Feature	Wickr and PAR Government Sit(x) on AWS GovCloud	TAK Server on AWS GovCloud
New organization setup	About 10 minutes to onboard.	Requires installing and configuring a new server per organization.
Group setup	Wickr and Sit(x) allows users to establish security groups (e.g., Training, Operations, Special Event) to organize users and their visibility to others.	Requires multiple servers, each with a specific function. Administrative burden and cybersecurity risk increase with the creation of each additional.
Encrypted messaging	Integrated using <a href="#">Wickr ATAK Plugin</a>	Not natively available.
Scalability	Wickr and Sit(x) is built on AWS offering the <a href="#">advantages of cloud computing</a>	Requires manual allocation of compute and storage server resources.
Cost	List at \$350 per user per year	\$55,000 - \$225,000 annually
Device provisioning	Automated setup process through an identity provider integration (e.g., Okta) or through email invitations	Provisioning of PKI certificates. Certificates can be automatically generated with an identity provider but results in mixing of security strategies.
Firewall rules	Standard Secure HTTP port 443. Typically already allowed	Several non-standard ports. Typically requires firewall rule updates.
Federation of organizations	With the click of a button, data flow control between organizations can be completed in seconds by exchanging permissions on each org's web portal.	Requires manual exchange of certificates through email or other methods
Data retention	Data retention designed to meet each customer's policy. Each customer owns and controls their own data in Wickr.	Not natively available.

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