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Tech Tip: Long Distance and Out-of-Country Phone Calls*

While many of us working in virtual organizations regularly use platforms like Zoom or Skype for Business, sometimes we still need to use the telephone to call clients or colleagues.

If you live in the United States, you may have unlimited minutes on your cell phone allowing you to call anyone in the country. But what if your phone plan doesn't have unlimited minutes? Or what if you live in the United States but need to call someone in another country? What if you live in another country and you need to call the U.S., or somewhere else far away?

Fortunately, there is an easy, low cost solution: an app for your smart phone.

There are many apps that allow you to call long distance, including other countries, for very low cost. For example, using the app KeepCalling, you can call the United States from another country for just 1 cent per minute (at the time of this posting). Calling China is even cheaper. All you need is an internet connection.

So, if you live in the U.S. and you go on a work trip to another country, or you move to another country, you can easily use this app (or another, similar one) and keep in close contact with everyone you need to call on the phone.

Example apps:

- KeepCalling
- Google Voice
- Skype
- WhatsApp
- WeChat
- Rebtel
- Fring