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PROTECTIONS AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

Sample Private Security Staffing Due Diligence Program

This document provides an overview of the processes a company could implement to a) identify potential risks of human trafficking within its supply chains; b) evaluate and prioritize identified risks; c) implement enduring solutions; and d) monitor contractor, subcontractor, and supplier performance over time.

It describes the fundamental systems approach to due diligence described by the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, and the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Business Conduct).¹

The specific processes a company needs to put in place will depend on the size and complexity of the company's supply chain and its inherent risks, and particular legal or other obligations that may apply. Companies may want to manage the processes entirely in-house or may choose to outsource some (e.g., audits) or all processes to specialized third parties. This document simply provides the underlying principles to follow and does not attempt to ensure compliance with any applicable legal requirements, such as the U.S. Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR): Combating Trafficking in Persons.

1. INTRODUCTION AND SCOPE

The Company's stakeholders expect that it is known where the products and services that are sold or used by the business are fairly and ethically sourced and that human trafficking and labor abuses are not present in its supply chain. The establishment of a robust approach for evaluating and verifying contractor, subcontractor, and supplier social responsibility practices and performance will:

- manage risks to personnel in our supply chain;

¹ Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights: Implementing the United Nations "Protect, Respect and Remedy" Framework | UN Global Compact and Due Diligence - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (oecd.org)

- help ensure compliance with all applicable social responsibility laws, regulatory requirements, and customer requirements, including those addressing human trafficking;
- provide transparency for our customers, partners, the public, and other stakeholders;
- ensure Company Supplier/Subcontractor Code of Conduct requirements are upheld; and
- protect our company's brand and reputation.

This supply chain due diligence program applies to all Company business activities and provides the framework to verify that contractors, suppliers, and subcontractors are conforming to both Company Supplier/Subcontractor Code of Conduct standards and applicable legal requirements.

This document should be read in conjunction with the Supply Chain Due Diligence Process Flowchart, and the Company Supplier/Subcontractor Code of Conduct.

2. OBJECTIVES

Company strives to deliver quality products and services to our customers, but not at the expense of the welfare of personnel or service providers anywhere in our supply chain. We will therefore:

- seek to ensure that all personnel employed by the Company or employed by companies that the Company has subcontracted to are recruited either directly or by labor recruiters that share our commitment to worker welfare and eradicating all forms of human trafficking in their business operations and recruitment process;
- seek to ensure that products and services delivered to customers or used in our business are sourced from suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, and business partners that share our commitment to worker welfare and eradicating all forms of human trafficking in their operations and supply chains;

- establish a consistent process for engaging with our suppliers, contractors and subcontractors to ensure that they meet or exceed minimum Code requirements and legal standards;
- define internal Company roles and responsibilities for assuring supplier, contractor, and subcontractor workplace ethical standards;
- enable the Company to achieve its supply chain social responsibility objectives and targets;
- monitor and manage the social responsibility performance of our suppliers, contractors, and subcontractors on an ongoing basis; and
- establish a transparent process for reporting Company supply chain risks and progress in achieving conformance with Supplier/Subcontractor Code of Conduct and legal requirements.

3. IMPLEMENTATION

A. General Obligations

Company senior management shall ensure that responsibilities are assigned, and processes and programs are planned and implemented to ensure:

- all existing and new contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers are identified and formally declare that they will comply with the Company Supplier/Subcontractor Code of Conduct and all applicable legal requirements (Attachment 3). This will be incorporated into the approval and sign-off process for new contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers;
- new and existing contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers go through risk screening (type of goods or services provided, country of operation, etc.) to identify potential human trafficking and social responsibility risks;
- where screening identifies potential social responsibility risks, those contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers complete and submit self-assessments using the Company Supplier/Subcontractor Self-Assessment Questionnaire;

- those contractors, subcontractors and suppliers with identified social responsibility risks by self-assessment will undergo on-site assessments/audits and address all serious nonconformances before approval to become a subcontractor or supplier to the Company, renewing existing contracts, or placing new orders/initiating new contracts; and
- Company will monitor subcontractor and supplier social responsibility performance on an ongoing basis and work cooperatively with them to ensure that they meet applicable legal requirements and the ethical workplace and recruitment standards set out in the Company Supplier Code of Conduct and that any noncompliance identified during the term of the contract are immediately and effectively addressed.

Appendix 2 provides a visual overview of the Supply Chain Due Diligence Process.

B. Supplier Identification and Declarations

- The [Position title] is responsible for mapping the Company's product and service supply chain by identifying all current subcontractors and suppliers and determining the nature and scale of the supply of good and services according to:
 - type of product or service;
 - location of the subcontractor or supplier (i.e., country);
 - contractual relationship (i.e., sourced via a third party; direct from a production site; service provider); and
 - contract value (revenue, length of engagement, etc.).
- Compliance with the requirements of the Company Supplier Code of Conduct and with all applicable human trafficking and social responsibility laws and regulations will be incorporated into both new and existing supplier and subcontractor contracts and purchase agreements.
- All subcontractors and suppliers are required to sign a declaration (see Attachment 3) as evidence of their commitment to comply with the Company Supplier Code of Conduct as follows:

- all new suppliers, subcontractors, and agents are required to confirm their commitment to compliance as part of the contracting process; and
- all existing suppliers, subcontractors, and agents are required to confirm their compliance commitment prior to contract renewal or new orders being placed.

C. Supplier Prioritization

The *[Position title]* is responsible for identifying suppliers and subcontractors with potential human trafficking risks using the following two-stage prioritization process:

1. Risk Screening

A high-level assessment of the potential risk presented by a subcontractor or supplier based on the subcontractor or supplier's location, product or service, contract size, and other indicators of risk.

- All existing and new subcontractors and suppliers are required to disclose information about the location and nature of its operations and operating sites to support risk screening.
- The risk screening will be completed for each current and prospective subcontractor and supplier in order to identify those with potential social responsibility risks.
- The *[Position title]* is responsible for maintaining a record of the potential risks identified for each subcontractor and supplier.
- Subcontractors and suppliers with low potential social responsibility and human trafficking risks should be re-evaluated at least every two years to determine if changes in operations, location, or contract value have increased the potential risk presented by the supplier.
- All potentially "at risk" suppliers, subcontractors, and sites will be required to complete the Company Sample Subcontractor/Supplier Self-Assessment.

2. Self-Assessment Questionnaire (SAQ)

The Subcontractor/Supplier Self-Assessment Questionnaire looks at business processes, such as worker recruitment and hiring, to identify process gaps that could lead to social responsibility issues, including human trafficking.

- All subcontractors and suppliers identified by screening as having potential human trafficking and social responsibility risks based on the results of Risk Screening are required to complete the Company Sample Subcontractor/Supplier Self-Assessment Questionnaire (SAQ).
 - Prospective suppliers, subcontractors, and agents will complete the SAQ prior to approval as a Company supplier.
 - Current suppliers, subcontractors, and agents are required to complete the SAQ within 30 days of receiving a request to do so.
 - Suppliers, subcontractors, and agents that decline to complete the self-assessment will be rated as high risk and will not be eligible to become a Company supplier or renew their contract until the SAQ is completed.
- The *[Position title]* will review the completed questionnaires with the supplier, subcontractor, or agent to ensure the responses are accurate and to request supporting information, as needed.
- Based on the Self-Assessment results, the *[Position title]* will:
 - rank suppliers, subcontractors, and agents in order of risk potential;
 - require those suppliers, subcontractors, and agents ranked as high and moderate risk to undergo an on-site audit; and
 - re-evaluate all low-risk subcontractors and suppliers every two years to determine if there have been any changes in their operation(s) that could increase its risk score.

D. Subcontractor and Supplier Social Responsibility Audits

All current and potential suppliers, subcontractors, and agents that have been rated as High or Medium Risk based on the Supplier Self-Assessment will be requested to undergo an on-site social responsibility audit to objectively evaluate the effectiveness of the supplier's control of social responsibility risks, including human trafficking.

- Initial (baseline) audits will be performed according to the following timeframe:
 - prospective suppliers, subcontractors, and agents: prior to contracting;
 - current suppliers, subcontractors, and agents identified as High Risk: within 60 days;
 - all current suppliers, subcontractors, and agents rated as Medium Risk: prior to contract renewal or placing of new orders; and
 - suppliers may provide reports of recent audits (less than one year old) and status of corrective actions in lieu of a new audit. Unless otherwise agreed, the Company will only accept Social Responsibility audits which meet its minimum audit process requirements, including the considerations for auditing for human trafficking provided in Attachment 4.
- Audits must be completed by a competent third-party auditor or audit firm approved by the Company.
- As a general principle, subcontractors and suppliers should be expected to pay all reasonable costs associated with audits. The Company may on a case-by-case basis choose to share audit costs with the subcontractor or supplier, or in certain cases pay for all costs associated with the audit.
- The *[Position title]* may, at their discretion, rely on information contained in existing audits assuming that the audits:
 - have been completed to equivalent standards by a competent party; and
 - are no more than 1 year old.

E. Audit Findings and Follow-up

The *[Position title]* is responsible for ensuring that any Code nonconformance and legal noncompliance identified by the auditor(s) are effectively addressed in a timely manner.

The process for audit reporting and implementing corrective and preventive action includes the following elements:

- **Egregious Issues.** The auditor will notify the Company *[Position title]* of any egregious issue (e.g., recruitment fees, passport withholding, personnel locked in their accommodation, etc.) immediately upon identification. The Company *[Position title]* will then contact the subcontractor or supplier to ensure that remediation actions are promptly taken, and future risks are mitigated.
 - The *Position title* is responsible for promptly notifying the customer (including the Contracting Officer for US Government contracts) of the specific nature of the identified issue and the measures and timeframe to address them.
- **Audit Report.** The auditor will submit a written audit report to the Company *[Position title]* within two weeks after completing the on-site assessment. The report will contain a description of the audited facility/operation, a summary of the audit process, and detailed information and supporting evidence on all findings, compliant and noncompliant. The findings must be described clearly as the report serves as the basis for the supplier's corrective action plan.
- **Corrective Action Plan.** The Company *[Position title]* will:
 - ensure that the audited supplier, subcontractor, or agent submits a Corrective Action Plan to the Company within one month of completion of the on-site audit;
 - review and approve submitted Corrective Action Plans to verify that:
 - corrective actions have been taken for any egregious findings (e.g., passport withholding, charging of recruitment fees, etc.);
 - all findings are addressed;
 - root causes have been identified;
 - corrective and preventive actions are appropriate;
 - action owners and target completion dates are listed; and
 - specific corrective actions directed by the USG Contracting Officer or Contracting Officer Representative (for federal contracts) have been addressed;

- require subcontractors and suppliers to submit monthly status reports to track and follow-up on corrective and preventive actions;
 - remotely verify the closure of corrective actions where possible (e.g., by reviewing documents or photographs provided by the subcontractor or supplier);
 - schedule a follow-up audit to verify the closure of any Egregious and Major findings or to verify corrective actions that can only be evaluated through worker interviews and on-site documentation reviews; and
 - ensure that no new contracts or new orders are placed until any Egregious issues have been independently verified as being effectively addressed (within two weeks of priority closure notification).
- **Progress Reporting.** The subcontractor or supplier will send monthly progress reports to the Company until all nonconformances have been corrected, evidence of completion has been submitted to the *[Position title]*, and closure of Egregious and Major issues have been verified by follow-up audit.
 - If any Egregious findings are identified during the audit, the first progress report must be submitted no later than 30 days after discovery and should clearly identify how the issue is being addressed, including copies of supporting evidence where appropriate.
 - The *[Position title]* will then schedule a follow-up audit at the earliest opportunity to verify closure of the item(s). Closure audits will be performed within 60 days of identification of the Egregious finding.
 - In the absence of Egregious nonconformance, follow-up audits will be performed within one year of the initial audit.
 - **Frequency of Re-audits.** Once remediation of all Egregious and Major findings have been verified by follow-up audit, the *[Position title]* will arrange to have the supplier undergo another Self-Assessment in two years.
 - If Egregious findings are not satisfactorily addressed by the closure audit, prospective suppliers will not be approved for use and current suppliers

will not receive new orders and be eligible for contract renewal and may be subject to contract termination.

- If Major issues remain outstanding after two rounds of follow-up audits have taken place, the Company shall evaluate its continued relationship with the supplier or subcontractor.

Note to User: The following two sections, “*Notification*” and “*Certification*” apply only to compliance with FAR 52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons. Although only some federal contractors are required to provide certifications, all federal contractors are required to comply with the trafficking in persons prohibitions and the notification requirements described below.

- **Notification.** For U.S. Government contracts, the Company [*Position title*] will inform the Contracting Officer and the agency Inspector General immediately of:
 - audit findings or any credible information from any other source indicating that a Company employee, subcontractor (including suppliers), subcontractor employee, (including supplier employees), or their agent has violated the policy requirements of FAR 52.222-50(b); and
 - any remedial actions and/or other actions taken against a Company employee, subcontractor, subcontractor employee, or their agent.
- **Certification.** Prior to contract award and annually thereafter, the Company will submit a certification to the Contracting Officer that:
 - it has implemented a compliance plan to prevent the prohibited activities listed in FAR 52.222–50(b) and to monitor, detect, and, if necessary, terminate any agent, subcontract, or subcontractor employee engaging in prohibited activities; and
 - after having conducted due diligence, either:
 - to the best of the Company’s knowledge and belief, neither it nor any of its proposed agents, subcontractors, or their agents is engaged in any such activities; or

- if abuses relating to any of the prohibited activities identified in 52.222–50(b) have been found, the Company or proposed subcontractor has taken the appropriate remedial and referral actions.

F. Ongoing Performance Monitoring

The Company [*Position title*] will:

- work with suppliers and partners to progressively ensure that all suppliers, subcontractors, and agents meet or exceed minimum social responsibility standards set out in the Company Supplier Code of Conduct and applicable legal requirements. This includes provision of appropriate training, consultation, and other capacity-building services as required.
- require suppliers, subcontractors, and agents to submit regular performance reports as evidence of their ongoing efforts to ensure conformance with the Supplier Code of Conduct and legal requirements.
 - Performance reports should contain the results of internal/self-audits, summaries of worker grievance reports and their resolution, interviews with new personnel on the recruitment process, agreed Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), etc. The specific content of the reports will depend on the supplier or subcontractor’s business and identified risks and must be approved by the Company [*Position title*].
 - Supplier reporting and the results of Company audits and assessments will be used to create periodic reports for customers and the public on the company’s due diligence process, including specifics on reported violations and how they were remediated.
- set improvement targets for suppliers and subcontractors to achieve when they are re-assessed every two years.

G. Reporting, Assurance, and Escalation

- The [*Position title*] will maintain appropriate records associated with supplier social responsibility performance. At a minimum, the following will be recorded:

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- subcontractor and Supplier declarations;
 - risk screening results;
 - completed Subcontractor and Supplier Self-Assessment reports;
 - prioritized listing of subcontractors and suppliers by risk;
 - audit reports and associated Corrective Action Plans and subcontractor/supplier progress reports;
 - follow-up audits and associated evidence of closure;
 - regular supplier performance reports; and
 - reports of significant violations of legal and Code of Conduct requirements, including how the issues were remediated.
- The *[Position title]* will track and report internally all progress with the requirements of this Standard in collaboration with other supplier-facing functions.
 - Company and supplier compliance with the requirements of Supply Chain Code of Conduct and this program will be reported to Company executive management and to the public on a regular basis, no less than annually.

ATTACHMENT 1: Definition of Terms²

Audit

An *Audit* is an evidence gathering process. Audit evidence is used to evaluate how well audit criteria are being met. Audits must be objective, impartial, and independent, and the audit process must be both systematic and documented.

Audit Criteria

Audit Criteria include policies, procedures, and requirements. Audit evidence is used to determine how well the audit criteria are being met. Audit evidence is used to determine how effectively policies and procedures are being implemented, and how well requirements are being met.

Audit Evidence

Audit Evidence includes records, factual statements, visual observations, and other verifiable information that is related to the audit criteria being used. Audit evidence should be triangulated to justify a finding of conformance or nonconformance.

Audit Findings

Audit Findings result from a process that evaluates audit evidence and compares it against audit criteria. Audit findings can show that audit criteria are being met (conformity) or that they are not being met (nonconformity). They can also identify improvement opportunities. Audit findings are used to assess the effectiveness of the management system and to identify opportunities for improvement.

Auditor

An *Auditor* is a person who collects evidence in order to evaluate how well an Auditee's risk management systems meet [*insert company name*] Supplier Code of Conduct requirements. Auditors are expected to determine whether management systems comply with standards and other planned arrangements. They must also be able to determine whether management systems are properly implemented and maintained — and they must be able to do all of this while being independent, objective, impartial, and competent.

Audit Scope

The *scope of an Audit* is a statement that specifies the focus, extent, and boundary of a particular audit. The *audit scope* is generally defined by specifying the physical location of the audit, the organizational units that will be examined, the processes and activities that will be included, and the time period that will be covered.

² READERS NOTE: Strictly for the purposes of these tools, as well as other documents on the RST site, we are using the terms "trafficking," "trafficking in persons," "human trafficking," "human trafficking, including forced labor," and "forced labor" interchangeably.

Conformance

To conform means to meet or comply with requirements. There are many types of requirements. There are company requirements, customer requirements, product requirements, management requirements, legal requirements, and so on. When an organization meets a requirement, you can say that it conforms to that requirement.

Continual Improvement

Continual improvement is a set of activities that an organization carries out in order to enhance its ability to meet requirements. Continual improvements can be achieved by carrying out audits, self-assessments, management reviews, and benchmarking projects. Continual improvements can also be realized by collecting data, analyzing information, setting objectives, and implementing corrective and preventive actions.

Correction

A *correction* is any action that is taken to eliminate a nonconformance. However, corrections do not address root causes.

Corrective Action

Corrective actions are steps that are taken to remove the causes of an existing nonconformity or undesirable situation. The *corrective action process* is designed to prevent the recurrence of nonconformities or undesirable situations. It tries to make sure that existing nonconformities and situations don't happen again. It tries to prevent recurrence by eliminating causes.

Egregious Finding

Egregious findings represent intolerable abuses of worker rights and freedoms and require immediate escalation by Auditors. Egregious findings confirm the presence of practices or conditions, such as passport withholding or serious restrictions in freedom of movement (e.g., personnel locked in accommodation). Some Codes of Conduct refer to these as "Zero Tolerance" or "Critical" issues.

Human Trafficking

The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 as amended³ and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (the Palermo Protocol) define human trafficking as the "The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery." For more information on federal legal definitions of trafficking in the U.S., see:

³ H.R. 3244. January 24, 2000. <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/BILLS-106hr3244enr/pdf/BILLS-106hr3244enr.pdf>

<https://humantraffickinghotline.org/what-human-trafficking/federal-law>.

Key Performance Indicator (KPI)

A *key performance indicator (KPI)* is a measurable category of performance. KPIs are used to quantify and evaluate organizational success, set measurable objectives, evaluate progress, monitor trends, make improvements, and support decision making. KPIs should be quantifiable and appropriate and should collect information that is useful to the organization and relevant to the needs and expectations of interested parties.

Examples of KPIs include employee turnover rate, average hours worked per week, average time to closure of nonconformities, lost workday case rate, employee satisfaction survey score, and energy costs per unit of production.

Major Finding

A *major finding* is a significant failure in the management system — one that affects the ability of the system to produce the desired results. It may also be caused by failure to implement an established process or procedure, or if the process or procedure is totally ineffective. For example, the failure of an organization to monitor its labor recruiter's Code conformance or compliance to applicable laws and regulations is a major finding.

Management System

A *management system* is a set of interrelated or interacting elements that organizations use to implement policy and achieve objectives. Most social responsibility issues can be traced back to gaps or failures in a company's business management system and processes.

Minor Finding

A *minor finding* is a finding that by itself doesn't indicate a systemic problem with the management system. It is typically an isolated or random incident. Examples are: an internal audit with an overdue corrective action request pending and a procedure that has not been revised to reflect a change in regulations.

Objective Evidence

Objective evidence is data that shows or proves that something exists or is true. Objective evidence can be collected by performing observations, measurements, tests, or by using any other suitable method.

Overtime Hours

Overtime hours are paid work hours that are in addition to the standard number of work hours per day or week specified by local or country law. Some laws define overtime as any time beyond the standard number of work hours per day, while others consider overtime to be only the number of work hours that exceed the standard number of work hours per week. Personnel must be paid at a premium for overtime work.

Policy

An organization's *policy* defines top management's commitment to social responsibility, ethical

sourcing, etc. Policies should be used to generate objectives and should serve as a general framework for action. Policies can be based on the Supplier Code of Conduct and legal requirements and should be consistent with the organization's other policies.

Preventive Action

Preventive actions are steps taken to remove the causes of *potential* nonconformities or *potential* situations that are undesirable — they address problems that haven't yet occurred. The *preventive action process* is designed to prevent the occurrence of nonconformities or situations that do not yet exist. It tries to prevent occurrence by eliminating causes.

While *corrective actions* prevent recurrence, *preventive actions* prevent occurrence. Both types of actions are intended to prevent nonconformities.

Record

A *record* documents the past and provides evidence that activities have been performed or results have been achieved. Records can, for example, show that audits have been performed and that preventive and corrective actions are completed.

Requirement

A *requirement* is a need, expectation, or obligation. It can be stated or implied by an organization, its customers, or other interested parties. A *specified requirement* is one that has been stated (in a document, for example), whereas an *implied requirement* is a need, expectation, or obligation that is common practice or customary.

Risk

Risk is the chance or probability that a person will be harmed or experience a labor rights abuse as a result of a gap in or absence of business practice. For example, the practice of withholding or confiscating worker identity documents presents a risk of forced labor. The severity of the risk (for example, Low, Medium, or High) depends on factors such as the number of personnel involved, whether it is a systemic issue or an isolated case, etc.

Root Cause Analysis

Root cause analysis is a methodology for identifying the underlying causes of a nonconformance or noncompliance so that the effective and enduring solutions can be identified and implemented. Root causes are typically gaps in management system processes and procedures. Problem solving, incident investigation, and root cause analysis are all fundamentally connected by three basic questions: what is the problem, why did it happen, and what can be done to prevent it from happening again?

SAQ

An *SAQ (self-assessment questionnaire)* is a detailed risk assessment completed by a supplier or subcontractor that asks questions about the programs and other controls the supplier has in place to ensure conformance with the Supplier Code of Conduct. Suppliers with SAQ responses that indicate the presence of uncontrolled risk in one or more categories of the SAQ should be considered for an on-site audit.

Social Responsibility

Social responsibility refers to a company's internal policies, standards, and legal requirements intended to safeguard human rights. The basis for social responsibility requirements can be found in the International Labour Organization (ILO) Conventions, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. Workplace health and safety is typically considered to be under the umbrella of social responsibility.

Supplier

A *supplier* or *subcontractor* is a person or an organization that provides products or services. Examples of suppliers include organizations and people who produce, distribute, or sell products, provide services, or publish information.

Verification

Verification is a process. It uses objective evidence to confirm that specified requirements have been met. Whenever specified requirements have been met, a *verified status* is achieved.

There are many ways to verify that requirements have been met. For example, tests could be given, demonstrations performed, alternative calculations carried out, or documents could be inspected before issuance.

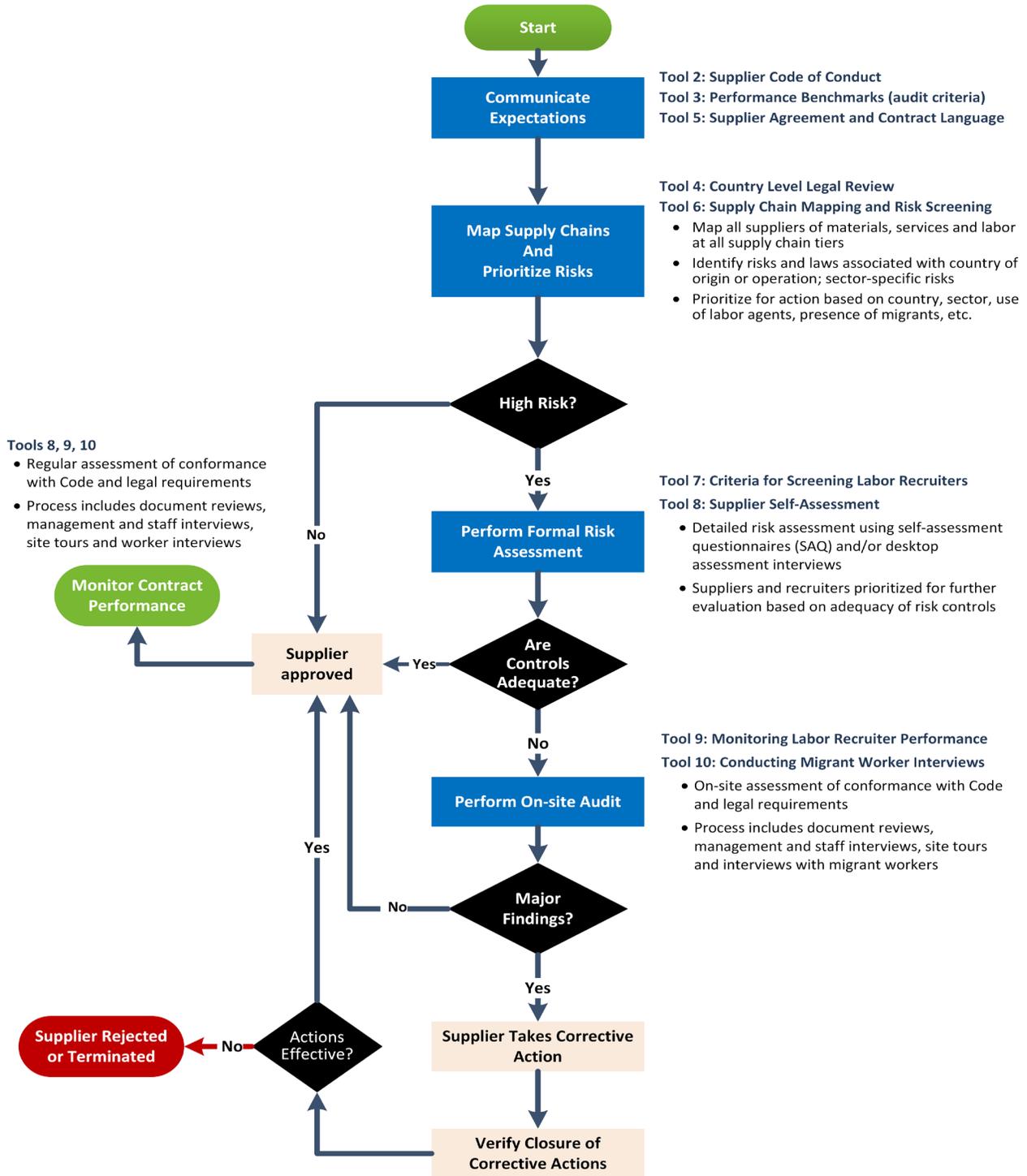
Work Environment

The term *work environment* refers to all the conditions and factors that influence work. In general, these include physical, social, psychological, and environmental conditions and factors, supervisory practices, and reward and recognition programs.

Working Hours or Hours of Work

Working hours are the period of time an individual spends performing paid occupational labor or time for which applicable labor law requires the individual to be compensated. Working hours are defined in national labor law. Some countries define break time as paid working time, some countries do not. National labor legislation should be checked to clarify the definition of what is included in working hours. It is possible that short breaks before and after meals are defined as paid and therefore are working time while lunch or dinner may not.

ATTACHMENT 2: Sample Security Supply Chain Due Diligence Process Flow



ATTACHMENT 3: Sample Subcontractor/Supplier Declaration Form

This Social Responsibility Agreement (“Agreement”) is dated this [day] of [month], [year] by and between _____ Company, [address] (the “Company”) and [name and corporate address of supplier/subcontractor/agent] (“Contractor”).

Rationale

- A. This Agreement is intended to supplement any and all contracts and agreements between the Company and Contractor for the supply of goods or services by Contractor to the Company.
- B. The Parties wish to address in this Agreement how they may work collaboratively to achieve the objectives of the _____ Contractor Code of Conduct (Appendix 1).

Now therefore, the Parties agree as follows:**1.0 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY**

- 1.1 Contractor confirms that it has read the Company Supplier/Subcontractor Code of Conduct, agrees with its statement of requirements, and commits to comply with them.
- 1.2 Contractor agrees to establish and maintain a human rights due diligence process appropriate to its size and circumstances to identify, prevent, mitigate, and account for how Supplier addresses the impacts of its activities on the human rights of individuals directly or indirectly affected by its supply chains, consistent with the 2011 United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. Such human rights due diligence shall align with the 2018 OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Business Conduct.⁴
- 1.3 Human rights due diligence hereunder may include implementation and monitoring of a remediation plan to address issues identified by due diligence that was conducted before the Effective Date.

⁴ *OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Business Conduct*, OECD, 2018: [OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Business Conduct - OECD](#)

- 1.4 Contractor shall ensure that each of its agents and subcontractors acting in connection with this Agreement shall engage with Supplier and any other agents and subcontractors in due diligence in accordance with Section 1.2 to ensure compliance with the Company Supplier Code of Conduct. Such relationships shall be formalized in written contracts that secure from the parties terms at least as protective as those imposed by Section 1.2 Supplier shall keep records of such written contracts to demonstrate compliance with its obligations under this Agreement and shall deliver such records to the Company as reasonably requested.
- 1.5 Contractor will upon request complete the Company's Social Responsibility Self-Assessment questionnaire available at [*URL for supplier/subcontractor access to SAQ*].
- 1.6 Contractor will be responsible for identifying any areas of its operations that do not conform to the Company's Supplier/Subcontractor Code of Conduct and for implementing and monitoring improvements designed to achieve conformance with the Company Supplier/Subcontractor Code of Conduct.
- 1.7 Upon request by the Company, Contractor will submit a report to the Company describing actions taken and progress made by Contractor to meet the requirements of the Company Supplier/Subcontractor Code of Conduct.
- 1.8 Contractor will provide the Company, or its nominated representative, upon reasonable notice, access to Contractor's facilities, work sites, and relevant records insofar as they relate to contracts and purchase agreements with the Company, in order to verify information provided in Contractor's report.

2.0 COMPANY RESPONSIBILITY

- 2.1 The Company agrees that the report (Section 1.7 above), site access, and records referred to will only be used for the purposes of assessing the Supplier's progress in accordance with the Company's Supplier Code of Conduct and will not be disclosed to any third party without Supplier's prior written consent, unless otherwise required by law.
- 2.2 Where the Supplier's employees work at facilities owned or operated by the Company, the Company will provide the Supplier complete information

about the potential occupational health and safety hazards in the workplace and will work cooperatively with the Supplier to control exposure of Supplier’s employees to workplace hazards.

3.0 SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

- 3.1 This Agreement applies to all existing and future contracts and purchase agreements between Contractor and the Company.
- 3.2 This Agreement will remain in force so long as there are any contracts in force. This Agreement will terminate when and if no contract is in force.
- 3.3 This Agreement does not require either the Company or Contractor to enter into any contract nor to enter into any new or further agreement of any kind.

PARTIES SIGNED

for and on behalf of _____ Company

for and on behalf of Supplier:

Signature

Signature

Name

Name

Position

Position

Date

Date

**ATTACHMENT 4: Sample Considerations for Auditing for Human Trafficking,
Including Forced Labor****Introduction**

Human trafficking and trafficking-related activities are complex issues. They are hidden, characterized by deception, and typically the result of complex pressures, abuses, and exploitation levied not by a single employer, but by a number of abusive actors at different stages of the recruitment, hiring, and employment processes, and at every level in the supply chain. Human trafficking risks can be even more difficult to identify in conflict zones or areas with political instability — some of the most common locations of private security personnel. The *[insert company name]* company requires audits performed on its behalf to integrate the following guidance to improve auditors' ability to identify potential human trafficking risks.

There are many reasons why human trafficking can be difficult for auditors to detect:

- Deception and lies are a defining factor of human trafficking and among the key means used by dishonest labor recruiters to lure their victims into hiring traps.
- Migrant personnel are a particularly vulnerable group. They may be hesitant to provide details about their recruitment experience or their situation in the workplace for fear of reprisal, up to and including termination of their contract and deportation.
- A situation of human trafficking may be the result not of a single, easily identifiable abuse, but rather a series of circumstances and violations committed by different actors.
- The abuse may originate with criminal actions of a labor recruiter overseas, as in the case of debt bondage due to excessive recruitment fees.
- The management of personnel by an on-site recruiter can make it more difficult to determine the nature of employment and working conditions due to a lack of direct control.
- Auditors themselves may lack the skills, experience, and resources needed to identify human trafficking.

Audits for human trafficking share many common elements with other social audits, including:

- *Site Tours and Inspections*, including work areas, canteens, and accommodations. Visiting the employer- or recruiter-provided housing is particularly important when conducting audits as migrant personnel often have no option but to live in such accommodations. Security practices at worker housing is often a source of restrictions in freedom of movement. Personnel living quarters may also be a good place for third-party auditors to conduct confidential worker interviews.
- *Management Interviews*. These interviews need to focus on the recruitment process, worker contracts, wage payments, disciplinary actions, and the worker grievance reporting process. More details are provided below.
- *Worker Interviews*. Gathering information from personnel is an essential part of any social audit but is even more critical when evaluating the risk of human trafficking. Due to the prevalence and extent of illicit and unethical practices by labor recruiters and sub-agents, personnel may be the only source of reliable information on the details of the recruitment and hiring process. Trained native language interviewers must be part of any human trafficking audit team to cover all the languages spoken by the workforce.
- *Labor Recruiter Interviews*. Labor recruiters play an essential role in cross border recruitment and often provide complete outsourcing of a company's recruitment selection and hiring process and therefore must be part of any human trafficking focused audit. Interviewing recruiters will provide the auditor with a more complete picture of the recruitment process. See below for more details.

Interviewing Managers

Managers are a key source of information for social auditors. The following approach should be used in audits of *[insert company name]* facilities and any contractor or subcontractor locations where workers are present. In assessing compliance against the Supplier/Subcontractor Code of Conduct provisions, auditors should make sure to speak with all possible members of the management team, including contract managers and HR staff. Auditors should speak about human trafficking directly and address the full complexity of these issues, recognizing the need to go beyond simply asking if such abuse is prohibited. In addition, auditors should:

- ask about migrant personnel in the workplace and learn about the use of labor recruiters and recruitment methods;
- discuss in greater detail the recruitment, selection, and hiring process used by the employer or worksite; and
- discuss employment conditions facing migrant personnel; and
- cross-check this information with the results of interviews with personnel and labor recruiters themselves.

Here is a selective list of the key issues auditors should discuss with the management team:

- general profile of personnel at the worksite;
- the process for selecting and contracting labor recruiters;
- the individual with oversight for the recruitment process;
- recruitment fees and expenses;
- contracts of employment for migrant personnel;
- other methods of communicating working conditions (hours, wages, benefits, etc.) to personnel;
- document retention and withholding passports;
- charging of security deposits;
- wage payments and deductions;
- compulsory or involuntary overtime;
- worker freedom of movement and personal freedom at the workplace and in dormitories;
- workplace discipline;
- threats of violence and intimidation;
- grievance procedures and whistleblower protections; and
- worker rights to terminate employment without penalty.

Gathering Information from Personnel

Speaking with personnel — in particular, migrant personnel — is a key aspect of a comprehensive and effective social audit focused on human trafficking. This can be done individually or in groups, and every effort must be made to ensure the confidentiality and anonymity of worker identities and the statements they make. This is important when dealing with sensitive matters such as human trafficking, which can result in criminal sanctions for the perpetrators and others involved, and thus increase the risk of retaliation to personnel.

Make sure to speak with a wide cross-section of personnel from different shifts, at different facilities or specific establishments (if applicable), and who perform different specific functions. Speak with both local and migrant personnel both informally during the site inspection or walk-through, and more formally in the workplace, at dormitories, or other agreed upon locations, if the latter allow personnel to feel more comfortable. If migrants from multiple countries are present, speak with workers from the full range of origin countries. Use a variety of means and methods of interviewing to elicit detailed information about the recruitment, hiring, and employment conditions facing personnel. Information can also be gathered from grievance mechanisms.

Interviews should be conducted by trained native language interviewers that are part of the audit team. Unless it is absolutely necessary, do not rely upon facility or recruiter staff to translate for the personnel. This will create an atmosphere in which personnel are unwilling to share sensitive information.

Here are some of the issues that auditors should discuss directly with personnel:

- how they were recruited, hired, transported, and received in the countries of origin and destination;
- what fees or expenses they were charged by the labor recruiter in their country of origin and/or its local partner in the country of destination, and if they were given receipts;
- any required trainings they may have participated in before beginning their job;
- whether an employment contract was signed, with whom it was signed, when it was signed, and whether the worker had to sign two or more different contracts;
- if the worker was provided a copy of the contract;

- whether wage payments are ever withheld or delayed, or if illegal or unexplained deductions are made by the labor recruiter or employer from personnel salaries;
- if passports or other valuable documentation are ever confiscated or withheld;
- what restrictions there are, if any, on migrant personnel freedom of movement and personal freedom in dormitories or other employer- or labor recruiter-operated housing;
- the safety and quality of employer-provided housing;
- whether the job terms recruited for match the job in reality, including location of work, type of work, and hazardous nature of work; and
- if there is a way for them to file a complaint or grievance about recruitment or employment practices, if they feel comfortable using the process, and, if they have used it, was it effective in resolving their issues.

Interviewing Labor Recruiters

A third feature of an effective human trafficking audit —one which is only rarely performed — are interviews with the labor recruiters contracted by the employer (including suppliers, contractors, or subcontractors). This can give the auditor full insight into the recruitment, selection, and hiring procedures used by the recruiter, and the conditions facing migrant personnel in pre-deployment, transportation, arrival, and placement.

Auditors should speak with a broad cross-section of labor recruiters. They should interview recruiter representatives and sub-agents, if possible, from each country of origin of migrant personnel in the facility, as well as local partners in the country of destination. Topics to discuss include the specifics of fees and expenses charged to personnel or the contracting employer, and the recruiters' legal history and its certification or license to operate in each country from which it sends personnel. Some of the other issues to address with recruiters include:

- how positions are advertised and whether any particular demographics are targeted for recruitment;
- the pre-departure orientation or training they provide to personnel;

- contracting procedures and contract substitution;
- other measures taken to ensure workers receive accurate information during recruitment;
- whether countries of transit are used;
- the relationships between local agents and recruiting firm (if relevant);
- how costs associated with recruitment and travel are divided between the worker and the recruiter;
- whether they also perform human resource management functions for migrant personnel, such as salary payment;
- document retention or confiscation; and
- whether the recruiter has established an effective complaints mechanism or grievance procedure for personnel.

Reviewing Documents and Records

A review of documents and records is an important part of an audit against the trafficking of migrant personnel. It is likely to include both company and worker documentation such as wage slips and contracts of employment, which are common to most social auditing systems; however, it should also include a review of labor recruiter materials, which can be collected and used to cross check information gathered through the recruiter and worker interviews. Although small employers will be more difficult to monitor and cannot be expected to have mature management systems in place, they may nevertheless be held accountable to basic standards of ethical practices. Small service providers may not have formal payroll documents, however they should be required to maintain basic documentation, such as handwritten records of when and how much personnel were paid. Ultimately, all employers should have a transparent system that documents: the amount of work a worker performs; the wage system; how many hours worked or quota units completed; what overtime wages are, if applicable; what deductions may have been made; and how much money is due and paid out per pay period. Personnel should be able to receive some sort of pay-slip, even if handwritten, which both the worker and employer can confirm is accurate.

Some of the written materials auditors may wish to review include:

- signed contracts between each labor recruiter and the employer;
- a list of all migrant personnel in the worksite and their migration status;
- copies of employer and labor recruiter policies and each party's respective operating procedures handbook;
- personnel files for a representative number of personnel in the worksite, including recently terminated personnel and those that have resigned;
- copies of pre-departure and arrival worker training materials;
- recruiter and facility training records for personnel; and
- records of pending and past complaints or grievances that have been raised by personnel.

This tool is intended for use specifically by companies that need to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of the U.S. Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR): Combating Trafficking in Persons and submit certifications under 52.222-50(h) and 22.1703(c).

1. Compliance Plans. U.S. Government contractors are required to create and implement a compliance plan to prevent any prohibited activities identified in FAR 52.222-50(b) for any portion of a contract that:

- a) is for supplies, other than commercially available off-the-shelf items, acquired outside the United States; or
- b) services to be performed outside the United States; and
- c) the overseas portion has an estimated value that exceeds \$500,000.

The plan must be maintained throughout the performance of the contract and must be appropriate to:

- the size and complexity of the contract; and
- the nature and scope of the activities to be performed for the Government, including:

- the number of non-United States citizens expected to be employed; and
- the risk that the contract or subcontract will involve services or supplies susceptible to trafficking in persons.

The Contractor must provide the compliance plan to the Contracting Officer upon request. The Contractor must also post the relevant contents of the compliance plan at the workplace and on the Contractor's Web site.

- 2. Certification.** Prior to contract award, and annually thereafter, the Contractor must certify to the Contracting Officer that:
- it has implemented a compliance plan to prevent any prohibited activities identified in the FAR and to monitor, detect, and terminate any agent, subcontract or subcontractor employee engaging in prohibited activities; and
 - after having conducted due diligence, either:
 - to the best of the Contractor's knowledge and belief, neither it nor any of its agents, subcontractors, or their agents are engaged in any such activities; or
 - if abuses relating to any of the prohibited activities have been found, the Contractor or subcontractor has taken the appropriate remedial and referral actions.
- 3. Subcontracts.** Contractors must include the substance of the clause at FAR 52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons, in all subcontracts and in all contracts with agents. However, requirements for a compliance plan apply only to any portion of the subcontract that meets the same prime contractor thresholds in a), b), and c) in Section 1, Compliance Plans, above.

If any subcontractor is required by this clause to submit a compliance plan and certification, the Contractor must require submission prior to the award of the subcontract and annually thereafter. The certification shall cover the items described above in Section 2, Certification.