



### Federal Acquisition Regulations

The following information will provide details of Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) as they relate to human trafficking, and the role of the FAR.

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## Federal Acquisition Regulations and Human Trafficking

- In support of the zero tolerance policy, FAR 22.17 requires all Government contracts to prohibit Contractors, Subcontractors, and their employees from engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons, procuring commercial sex acts, and using forced labor during the period of performance of the contract.
- FAR 22.1704 [[https://www.acquisition.gov/far/current/html/Subpart%2022\\_17.html#wp1088114](https://www.acquisition.gov/far/current/html/Subpart%2022_17.html#wp1088114)] provides the Government's recourse in the event of a violation.
- FAR clause 52.222-50 [[https://www.acquisition.gov/far/current/html/52\\_222.html#wp1151848](https://www.acquisition.gov/far/current/html/52_222.html#wp1151848)] outlines the United States Government's zero tolerance policy with regard to trafficking in persons. The clause also provides tools for the federal acquisition workforce to use in combating human trafficking through the contracting process.



## Role of the FAR

- Combating trafficking is an important administration initiative with bipartisan support from Congress.
- More than a dozen US Government agencies actively engage in anti-trafficking activities, but there is a critically important role for acquisitions professionals to ensure that no Contractors use forced labor or engage in commercial sex.
- Rooting out forced labor in Government contracts can help protect exploited workers, ensure that those Contractors do not perform work for the US Government, and can help bring those Contractors to justice.



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- FAR 52.222-50 **must be inserted** into all Federal solicitations, contracts, and subcontracts.
- Contractors are required to notify employees about the zero tolerance policy and the consequences of violating that policy. For example, employees may be removed from the contract, have their benefits reduced, or be terminated.
- Contractors must also take action against employees or Subcontractors who are found in violation.
- As a member of the Federal acquisition workforce, you play a crucial role in combating human trafficking before contract award, during contract administration, and in pre- and post-award.



## Training for the Acquisition Workforce

- The Department of Homeland Security, as part of its Blue Campaign, and the Department of State have partnered to produce a training for the federal acquisition workforce on combating human trafficking in the federal acquisition context.
- Please see [www.fai.gov](http://www.fai.gov) for more information about and access to the training.



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