



LA COUNTY CAN EASILY IMPLEMENT ANTI-TRAFFICKING PROCUREMENT POLICIES ALIGNED WITH FEDERAL STANDARDS

In 2022, Los Angeles County spent \$10.7 billion on purchasing and contracts.¹ Given LA County's immense purchasing power, LA County should implement federal anti-trafficking procurement policies to ensure that its purchasing practices better prevent human trafficking and forced labor. By introducing a motion to align LA County Contractors with the <u>federal government's established statutory anti-trafficking</u> <u>measures</u>, LA County can hold its vendors to the same standard and, thus, safeguard against human trafficking in its supply chains. By adopting proven federal prevention measures, LA County can offer companies clear guidelines on complying with its existing rules prohibiting human trafficking in contracts.

VENDORS WHO CONTRACT WITH BOTH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND LA COUNTY

Below is a list of vendors that already contract with both the Federal government² and LA County.³ This list is an example of LA Contractors who are already required to comply with federal anti-trafficking policies on contracts exceeding \$550,000. ⁴ The list of vendors below provide goods that globally have been shown to have high incidents of human trafficking in their supply chains, including healthcare products, uniforms/garments and electric products.⁵ ⁶ Since many vendors already comply with these policies through their federal contracts, LA County policy will reinforce this necessary compliance and capture businesses that do not contract with the federal government to ensure consistent standards to prevent human trafficking and fair competition.

VENDOR NAME ⁱ	SERVICES/GOODS THEY PROVIDE
<u>Abbott Laboratories Inc.</u>	Provides medical devices and healthcare solutions for cardiovascular health, diabetes management, diagnostic testing, nutrition, chronic pain, and more.
<u>Cintas Corporation</u>	Provides uniforms, work apparel, facility services, first aid supplies, safety supplies, hygiene solutions, and more.
Mission Linen Supply	Provides linens, uniforms, office supplies, and more.
Wisecom Technologies Inc.	Provide IT products and services.
CenturyLink Communications, LLC.	Provides internet services that require electronic equipment.
<u>Coast to Coast Computer Products, Inc.</u>	Provides replacement ink and toner cartridges.

¹ <u>https://doingbusiness.lacounty.gov/</u>



² Report retrieved from <u>www.sam.gov</u>, report can be provided upon request

³ <u>https://doingbusiness.lacounty.gov/</u>

⁴ <u>https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2015/01/29/2015-01524/federal-acquisition-regulation-ending-trafficking-in-persons#:~:text=The%20final%20rule%20at%20FAR,and%20(ii)%20has%20an%20estimated</u>

⁵ 2024 List of Goods Produced By Child Labor or Forced Labor, retrieved from:

https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/ilab/child labor reports/tda2023/2024-tvpra-list-of-goods.pdf 6 https://www.responsiblesourcingtool.org/identify/





CONCLUSION

By adopting federal anti-trafficking procurement policies, Los Angeles County can strengthen its commitment to ethical sourcing and preventing human trafficking both in Los Angeles and in global supply chains. This alignment will ensure that all businesses doing business with Los Angeles are not engaging in or ignoring human trafficking occurring in their supply chains and create uniform standards for businesses to reduce the risk of supporting labor exploitation when contracting with the County.

ABOUT SJI

The Sunita Jain Anti-Trafficking Policy Initiative ("SJI") is an evidence-based and communityinformed think tank that intentionally fills gaps in human trafficking prevention with an intersectional approach through systemic change and policy innovation. SJI focuses its policy advocacy on 5 pillars: Government Accountability, Racial Justice, Immigrant Justice, Climate Justice, and Economic Justice.

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¹ SJI retrieved a report for federal vendors from <u>www.sam.gov</u>, using the "contract search" feature to find contracts signed between 01/01/2020 and 09/25/2024. For County vendors, SJI gathered information from <u>www.doingbusiness.lacounty.gov</u> by navigating to the "Vendor List by Commodity" under the contracting tab. In the search engine, SJI entered the names of goods listed in the 2024 TVPRA list of goods produced by child or forced labor. SJI cross-referenced the companies listed as vendors for the County for said goods with the federal vendor dataset, focusing on vendors with contracts exceeding \$550,000.

