

# Assessing Your New Compliance Program for Combating Trafficking in Federal Contracts

As National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, January 2016 offers the opportunity for federal contractors to reflect on the significant regulatory changes to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) that occurred in 2015 as part of the fight to end human trafficking in federal contracts, according to **an article** published by Venable LLP.

“For instance, contractors should take this opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness of the internal mechanisms established to comply with the new regulations. Contractors should pay particular importance to the effectiveness of their policies because noncompliance can lead to criminal, civil, and/or administrative consequences, as well as the declination to exercise options, contract termination, suspension of contract payments, and/or loss of award fee,” the article says.

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**Read the article.**