

The UK Modern Slavery Act and Promoting Worker Welfare

Briefing and Roundtable Discussion for the International Engineering/Construction Industry

Thursday, 25th June 9.30am – 12.00pm

1VS Conference Centre, 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET

The UK Modern Slavery Act passed into law on 26th March 2015. The new law will affect most major engineering/construction companies operating in the UK, even in part, irrespective of where they are headquartered. In particular, new transparency provisions will require all companies to report on their efforts to prevent human trafficking and forced labour in their supply chains.

CH2M and the Institute for Human Rights and Business are co-hosting a roundtable event for engineering/construction industry representatives, supported by the Foreign Office and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills. Participants will examine the requirements of the law, explore areas where engineering/construction operations may be exposed to risk, and discuss steps to promote worker welfare and prevent the exploitation of construction workforces globally.

Discussion will include:

- Explanation of The UK Modern Slavery Act and The *Transparency in Supply Chains* requirements of this new legislation
- Interactive dialogue on the risks of human trafficking and labour exploitation within the engineering/construction industry
- Discussion of due diligence tools and best practices to protect the rights of construction workers
- The rationale for ethical recruitment as a key factor in preventing exploitation
- Examples from other sectors in cross-industry collaboration, prevention, and “beyond compliance” strategies

The roundtable is open to representatives from the engineering/construction industry and associated sectors. Space is limited and pre-registration to attend is required.

For more details or to register attendance, please contact neill.wilkins@ihrb.org

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