

Supplier Code of Conduct



EVC's Core Values

EVC's core values are embodied through the beliefs and actions of our leadership and our employees by being a trusted partner, creating a high-performance culture of growth and opportunity, and building long-term, mutually-beneficial relationships with all stakeholders. As an affiliate of Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC), we follow the CTC Code of Ethics and Business Conduct, making it relevant to the way we do business every day.

This EVC Supplier Code of Conduct outlines what we expect of our suppliers—commensurate with the size and nature of their businesses—to have management and business systems in place to support compliance with the letter, spirit, and intent of applicable laws, regulations, and the expectations related to or addressed expressly herein. We encourage our suppliers to implement their own written codes of conduct and to flow down the principles of their codes of conduct to the entities that furnish them with goods and services.

We understand the complexities in many of these areas and are available to provide you with help and guidance at any time.

The EVC Management Team

Compliance With Laws

- We expect our suppliers to maintain full compliance with all laws and regulations applicable to their business. When conducting international business, or if their primary place of business is outside the United States, suppliers must comply with local laws and regulations.
- We expect suppliers to create accurate records, and not alter any record entry to conceal or misrepresent the underlying transaction represented by it. All records, regardless of format, made or received as evidence of a business transaction must fully and accurately represent the transaction or event being documented.
- When a record is no longer needed to conduct current business, records should still be retained based on the applicable retention requirements.
- Suppliers performing as US Government contractors (whether direct or indirect) must comply with the requirements in FAR 4.703. Suppliers that are performing or fulfilling a US Government role in their prescribed work must comply with the records requirements of the affected agency and any relevant National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) requirements that apply to that agency.
- Suppliers must adhere to regulations prohibiting human trafficking, and comply with all applicable local laws in the country or countries in which they operate. Suppliers must refrain from violating the rights of others and address any adverse human rights impacts of their operations. Suppliers must educate employees on prohibited trafficking activities, discipline employees found to have violated the law or rules, and notify the contracting officer of violations and action taken against employees. Specifically, suppliers will be prohibited from the following in all contracts.
 - Destroying, concealing, or confiscating identity or immigration documents;
 - Using misleading or fraudulent tactics in recruiting;
 - Charging employee recruitment fees or providing inadequate housing based on local standards, laws and directives;
 - Failing to provide employment contracts and other documentation in the employee's native language;
 - Failing to provide return transportation upon the end of employment for employees brought to the country for the purpose of working on a U.S. government contract or subcontract; and
 - Failing to interview and protect employees suspected of being trafficking victims.

Human Rights

- We expect our suppliers to treat people with respect and dignity, encourage diversity, remain receptive to diverse opinions, promote equal opportunity for all, and foster an inclusive and ethical culture.
- We expect our suppliers to ensure that illegal child labor is not used in the performance of work. The term "child" refers to any person under the minimum legal age for employment where the work is performed.

Anti-Corruption

- Our suppliers must comply with the anti-corruption laws, directives and/or regulations that govern operations in the countries in which they do business, such as the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the U.K. Bribery Act.

- We require our suppliers to refrain from offering or making any improper payments of money or anything of value to government officials, political parties, candidates for public office, or other persons. This includes a prohibition on facilitating payments intended to expedite or secure performance of a routine governmental action like obtaining a visa or customs clearance, even in locations where such activity may not violate local law. Personal safety payments are permitted where there is an imminent threat to health or safety.
- We expect our suppliers to exert due diligence to prevent and detect corruption in all business arrangements, including partnerships, joint ventures, offset agreements, and the hiring of consultants.
- Our suppliers must not offer any illegal payments to, or receive any illegal payments from, any customer, supplier, their agents, representatives, or others. The receipt, payment, and/or promise of monies or anything of value, directly or indirectly, intended to exert undue influence or improper advantage is prohibited. This prohibition applies even in locations where such activity may not violate local law.
- Our suppliers must not fix prices or rig bids with their competitors. They must not exchange current, recent, or future pricing information with competitors. Our suppliers must refrain from participating in a cartel.
- We expect our suppliers to compete on the merits of their products and services. The exchange of business courtesies may not be used to gain an unfair competitive advantage. In any business relationship, our suppliers must ensure that the offering or receipt of any gift or business courtesy is permitted by law and regulation, and that these exchanges do not violate the rules and standards of the recipient's organization, and are consistent with reasonable marketplace customs and practices.
- Our suppliers and their personnel must not use material, non-publicly disclosed information obtained in the course of their business relationship with us as the basis for trading or for enabling others to trade in the securities of our company or those of any other company.

Conflict Of Interest

- We expect our suppliers to avoid all conflicts of interest or situations giving the appearance of a potential conflict of interest in their dealings with our company. We expect our suppliers to provide notification to all affected parties in the event that an actual or potential conflict of interest arises. This includes a conflict between the interests of our company and personal interests or those of close relatives, friends or associates.

Information Protection

- We expect our suppliers to properly handle sensitive information, including confidential, proprietary, and personal information. Information should not be used for any purpose (e.g., advertisement, publicity, and the like) other than the business purpose for which it was provided, unless there is prior authorization from the owner of the information.
- We expect our suppliers to respect and comply with all the laws governing intellectual property rights assertions, including protection against disclosure, patents, copyrights, and trademarks.
- Suppliers must protect the confidential and proprietary information of others, including personal information, from unauthorized access, destruction, use, modification and disclosure, through appropriate physical and electronic security procedures. Suppliers must comply with all applicable data privacy laws. Suppliers shall assure extension of this requirement to all sub-tier sources they employ.

Environmental, Health And Safety

- We expect our suppliers to operate in a manner that actively manages risk, conserves natural resources, and protects the environment. We expect our suppliers to apply environmental management system principles in order to establish a systematic approach to the management of risks/hazards and opportunities associated with the environment, including potential risk from regulatory non-compliance, reputational loss, and opportunities for business growth through operational and product stewardship.
- We expect our suppliers to comply with all applicable environmental, health and safety laws, regulations, and directives. Suppliers should protect the health, safety, and welfare of their people, visitors, and others who may be affected by their activities.

Global Trade Compliance

- When applicable, suppliers are encouraged to implement practices and procedures to ensure the security of their supply chains in accordance with the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism initiative of the United States Department of Homeland Security.
- We expect our suppliers to ensure that their business practices are in accordance with all applicable laws, directives, and regulations governing the import of parts, components, and technical data.
- We expect our suppliers to ensure that their business practices are in accordance with all applicable laws, directives, and regulations governing the export of parts, components, and technical data.

- Our suppliers must not participate in, cooperate with, or further the cause of any unsanctioned foreign economic boycott, in accordance with the 1977 Export Administration Act and the 1976 Tax Reform Act.
- Suppliers must adhere to federal laws and regulations requiring reporting companies to make specialized disclosure and conduct due diligence concerning their use of conflict minerals that may have originated in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) or an adjoining country. Conflict minerals include cassiterite, columbite-tantalite, gold and wolframite, or their derivatives (tantalum, tin, and tungsten). Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, reporting companies that manufacture or contract to manufacture products that contain conflict minerals must conduct due diligence on the source and chain of custody of the applicable conflict minerals, and file a report with the SEC by May 31, 2014. We expect our suppliers to develop due diligence processes to meet our obligations to ensure that all products are responsibly manufactured.

Quality

- Suppliers must take due care to ensure their work product meets our company's quality standards. We expect our suppliers to have in place quality assurance processes to identify defects and implement corrective actions, and to facilitate the delivery of a product whose quality meets or exceeds the contract requirements.
- We expect our suppliers to develop, implement, and maintain methods and processes appropriate to their products to minimize the risk of introducing counterfeit parts and materials into deliverable products. Effective processes should be in place to detect counterfeit parts and materials, provide notification to recipients of counterfeit product(s) when warranted, and exclude them from the delivered product.

Ethics Program Expectations

- We expect our suppliers to provide their employees with avenues for raising legal or ethical issues or concerns without fear of retaliation. We expect our suppliers to take action to prevent, detect, and correct any retaliatory actions.
- In the event of a violation of any of the above expectations, we may pursue corrective action to remedy the situation. In the case of a violation of law or regulation, we may be required to report those violations to proper authorities. We reserve the right to terminate our relationship with any supplier under the terms of the existing procurement/purchasing contract.
- Commensurate with the size and nature of their business, we expect our suppliers to have management systems in place to support compliance with laws, regulations, and the expectations related to or addressed expressly within this Supplier Code of Conduct. We encourage our suppliers to implement their own written code of conduct and to flow down the principles of a code of conduct to the entities that furnish them with goods and services.

