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Document Title: Background on USG and DOS procurement and contracting

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Document Content: Pages 1-2 are unclassified documents providing background on U.S. government and Department of State procurement and contracting. The document describes the tools available to deal with trafficking by federal contractors and subcontractors and actions taken to combat trafficking by DoD, such as Inspector General (IG) evaluations, encouraging contractor training, and a public service announcement to make contractors aware of human trafficking. According to the document, in its 2010 evaluation report, DoD IG reported challenges in tracking TIP incidents, ensuring contracts contained the FAR TIP clause, and supporting contracting officers’ access to relevant information regarding alleged violations. Actions taken by other Federal departments to implement the FAR will be discussed during the next TIPs meeting in March 2010. Additionally, the document notes problems hindering DOJ prosecutions of trafficking violations such as a lack of sufficient evidence for a prosecutable case, and, relatedly, a lack of funds to investigate internationally, gather documents, interview, and protect foreign witnesses. Secretary Clinton is reportedly interested in seeing what more DoS can do to combat trafficking. Although there are awareness efforts, there currently is no training for DoS contractors, subcontractors or contracting officers, which is being looked into.

Page 3 contains awards for anti-trafficking work in Afghanistan.