# Texas Businesses Against Trafficking



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# Help STOP Human Trafficking

The Secretary of State is asking all Texas businesses to get involved in the fight against human trafficking by raising awareness to help recognize and prevent labor and sex trafficking.

Businesses that are already taking steps, within their company and community, to prevent human trafficking may be eligible to join the Texas Businesses Against Trafficking (TBAT) partnership.

### What is TBAT?

In 2016, the Texas Secretary of State established a human trafficking prevention business partnership, TBAT, to help combat trafficking in our state.

The TBAT program is a partnership that recognizes businesses for providing employee training to identify and address human trafficking, prohibiting the use of business funds to patronize a business that is part of the commercial sex industry, participating in public awareness or education campaigns, and other requirements pursuant to the Texas Administrative Code.

# Why Join TBAT?

Joining TBAT allows your business to:

- Stand out in the marketplace with state recognition of your work in helping to combat trafficking;
- Demonstrate leadership and build value in your community;
- Develop consumer trust in your business; and
- Raise awareness and engagement within your company.

# **How to Join TBAT**

Eligible businesses can join the fight and become members of TBAT at either the Partner or Associate level. To join, businesses must complete an application that acknowledges the business has already completed or intends to do the following:



- Adopt a policy aimed at combatting human trafficking;
- Make training available to employees about recognizing and addressing human trafficking; and
- Participate in a public awareness/education campaign.

In addition, when a business becomes a member, the business agrees to continue participating in public awareness/education campaigns, sharing any best practices with the Secretary of State, and helping increase awareness of the program.

Please visit <u>www.sos.texas.gov/tbat/</u> to learn more about the specific eligibility requirements businesses must meet to become a TBAT Partner or Associate.

## **Information & Resources**

Please visit the Secretary of State's website at <a href="www.sos.texas.gov/tbat/">www.sos.texas.gov/tbat/</a> to find more information about the TBAT program, including the applications for membership, as well as access to resources for training, best practices, and public awareness campaigns.

If your business is interested in applying to TBAT, or if you have any further questions, please contact the Office of the Secretary of State at either <a href="mailto:TBAT@sos.texas.gov">TBAT@sos.texas.gov</a> or <a href="mailto:512-463-5770">512-463-5770</a>.