

SECURITY PROVIDER PROCUREMENT ASSESSMENT

Make responsible security key to your procurement decisions

Choosing a private security provider is an important procurement decision. Beyond cost, capability and service delivery, organisations subject to due diligence laws such as the CSDDD need to demonstrate that prospective providers meet expected standards for responsible security and human rights.

1 Define

Set responsible security requirements alongside cost, capability and service delivery.

2 Screen

Assess bidders for security-specific human rights and operational risks.

3 Compare

Use consistent provider-level ratings and component scores to identify issues that need attention.

4 Safeguard

Use findings to shape tender requirements, bidder engagement and contractual safeguards.

Who is ICoCA's procurement assessment for?

ICoCA's procurement assessment is designed for companies across all industries and sectors, supporting procurement, supply chain, corporate security, ESG, sustainability, compliance and legal teams seeking a unified approach to managing security-related human rights risks during the procurement process.

Why responsible security matters in procurement



Security provider selection carries heightened risks

Security providers can increase your exposure to security-related human rights risks. Assessing these risks during procurement helps organisations make informed choices and strengthen responsible security practices from the outset.



Address risks early

Assessing potential human rights risks during procurement gives organisations an opportunity to engage bidders and build appropriate safeguards into tender requirements and contracts, while responding to growing regulatory, investor and stakeholder expectations¹ around human rights due diligence.



Security procurement needs specialist tools

Generic supply chain due diligence tools don't cover risks associated with private security. ICoCA's procurement assessment combines specialist expertise based on 550 indicators with a consistent approach to assessing security providers during the tender process.

How ICoCA's procurement assessment helps you make better procurement decisions



See risk clearly: Get clear provider-level human rights risk ratings, supported by detailed scoring across key human rights and operational risk areas.



Prioritise action: Use assessment findings to identify where further engagement, clarification or mitigation may be needed before a provider is selected.



Strengthen due diligence and reporting: Generate consistent evidence and documentation to support human rights due diligence, sustainability reporting and stakeholder engagement.



Compare bidders consistently: Compare participating security providers using a common assessment framework, identifying provider-specific risks and issues that may be common across the tender.

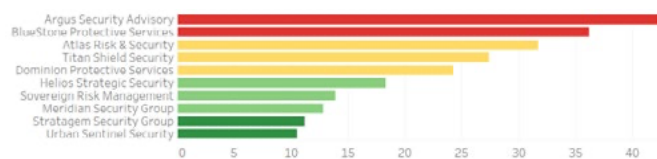


Strengthen procurement and contracts: Use actionable recommendations to inform procurement decisions, tender requirements and contractual safeguards.



Scale to your tender: Assess a small number of providers for a single tender or scale the procurement assessment to large, global tenders involving multiple providers and subcontractors.

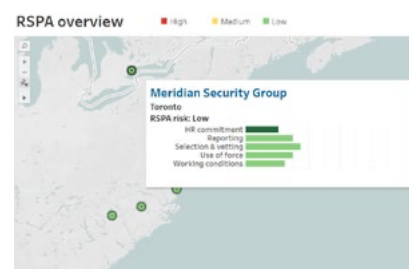
1. The EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD) identifies specific risks from private security



Risk-ratings: Provider-level human rights risk rating:

Comparable results across all providers that have submitted a bid helps identify high-risk companies.

Component-level risk scoring per provider: Insights on individual providers helps identify risk areas within individual companies.



What we assess

ICoCA's procurement assessment evaluates specialist areas linked to security-related human rights risks, areas not covered by generic supply chain risk tools.

Category	Examples of assessment areas
Human rights commitment	Human rights impact assessment, SEA, discrimination, anti-corruption
Use of force	Use of force, apprehension, weapons and ammunition management
Working conditions	Contracts, forced labour, identification, uniforms
Selection & vetting	Personnel and subcontractor screening
Reporting & remedy	Incident reporting and grievance mechanisms

Assessments use ICoCA's internationally recognised framework, built on more than 550 indicators covering human rights, governance and operational performance. This framework has been developed and refined through more than a decade of evaluating hundreds of security providers worldwide.



About ICoCA

The Responsible Security Association

ICoCA is the leading international initiative dedicated to improving private security practices worldwide. Through independent oversight, multi-stakeholder governance and internationally recognised standards, ICoCA helps companies strengthen accountability and reduce security-related human rights risks.

The procurement assessment brings ICoCA's global expertise in responsible security directly to the management of security provider risk.

Ready to strengthen security provider due diligence?

✓ Identify risk.

✓ Prioritise action.

✓ Strengthen oversight.

Find out how ICoCA's procurement assessment can help your organisation identify, manage and reduce security-related human rights risks before awarding a contract.

