The International Labor Rights Forum is a human rights organization that advocates for workers globally.
Subsidizing Sweatshops?

- *Toxic Uniforms* (2009)
- *Dangerous Silence* (2014)
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U.S. Flouts Its Own Advice in Procuring Overseas Clothing
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Uncle Sam’s Sweatshops
*December 29, 2013*

- Bangladesh
- Dominican Republic
- Haiti
- Mexico
- Pakistan
- Vietnam
Government Purchasing Power

Government Purchasing = 20% of GDP = $3 Trillion

- Federal purchasing
- State and local purchasing
- Consumption and other expenditures
Executive Order 13126 (1999): “It shall be the policy of the United States Government...to purchase no products made by forced or indentured child labor.”
Federal Government

States: 7
Cities: 44
Counties: 16
Dioceses: 4
School Districts: 118
Best Practices

City of Portland, Oregon

- Full Compliance Declaration OR
- Delayed Compliance Authorization Request AND Remediation Plan
Best Practices

City of San Francisco, California

- Most compliant bidder wins if within 15% of lowest price
- 30 points out of 100 for supply chain disclosure
- 15 points for guaranteeing access to independent inspectors
- Compliance plan part of city contracts
Best Practices

City of Madison Cooperative Contract (Sign up now!)

- Cooperative and long-term
- Supply chain transparency threshold and continuous improvement
- Binding compliance plan includes corrective action and prevention
- Independent oversight
## Disclosure Comparisons

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Collaboration
Factory Database
Factory Database

- Enter product data.
- Enter factory data.
- Control who can view sensitive data.
Factory Database

- Identify compliant suppliers.
- Use the shared on-line Declaration of Compliance form.
THANK YOU!

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