

Dell Technologies Supplier Principles

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Introduction

Dell Technologies, on behalf of itself and its direct or indirect subsidiaries, ("Dell Technologies") is committed to responsible business practices and ethical behavior. This includes holding our suppliers to the same high standards of excellence to which we adhere, as set forth in Dell Technologies' <u>Code of Conduct</u>, and as articulated in governing laws and regulations, recognized international standards and conventions, and global best practices. Complying with Dell Technologies Supplier Principles ("Principles") is a condition of doing business with Dell Technologies.

Scope

These Principles are applicable to Dell Technologies' suppliers, including but not limited to final assembly, direct and sub-tier suppliers working within Dell Technologies' supply chain, including Suppliers' employees, contractors, agents, independent contractors; and sub-tier suppliers within Suppliers' supply chain ("Supplier(s)"). Supplier compliance with these Principles is mandatory, as well as participation for key Suppliers in Dell Technologies' Supplier Engagement, Capability Building, and Assessment Programs (Section 3, below). For purposes of the Principles, worker(s) include(s) direct employees, temporary workers, migrant workers, student workers, contract workers, and any other person(s) providing labor and employment services to Supplier.

In cases of non-compliance, Dell Technologies reserves the right to take all available actions against Supplier for violations of these policies, including without limitation the termination or reduction of business, onsite compliance auditing at Supplier's expense, compensation and/or reimbursement to affected workers at Supplier's expense, seeking of damages, and/or termination of Dell Technologies' agreement with the Supplier.

Statement of Principles

Dell Technologies' Suppliers must comply with:

- All applicable laws, regulations, and purchasing requirements, including but not limited to relevant government purchasing provisions and provisions under the U.S. Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) and any U.S. federal agency supplement.
- Sanctions and export controls issued by applicable regulators, including but not limited to the U.S.
 Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), U.S. Commerce Department's Bureau
 of Industry & Security (BIS), Her Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom, and the European Union.
- Dell Technologies Human Rights Policy
- <u>Dell Technologies Responsible Sourcing Policy</u>
- Dell Technologies Slavery and Human Trafficking Policy Statement
- Dell Technologies Vulnerable Worker Policy
- The Responsible Business Alliance (RBA) Code of Conduct



- United Nations (U.N.) Conventions, including UN Declaration of Human Rights, UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and U.N. Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights
- All applicable laws and regulations regarding the prevention of forced labor including, but not limited to the UK and Australian Modern Slavery Acts
- The California Transparency in Supply Chains Act, Section 307 of the Tariff Act of 1930, and the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act ("UFLPA")
- Relevant International Labor Organization (ILO) conventions, including the eight fundamental conventions and conventions 1, 102, 131, 155 and 170
- Relevant International Organization for Standardization (ISO) management systems, including but not limited to ISO 9001 (Quality Management Standard), ISO 14001 (Environmental Management Standard), and ISO 45001 (Occupational Health and Safety Standard)
- National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework

Suppliers shall meet these Principles through three (3) primary means:

- Meet or exceed applicable laws and recognized international standards;
- Ensure compliance with Dell Technologies' Statement of Principles; and
- Actively participate in Dell Technologies' Supplier Engagement, Capability Building and Assessment Programs.

All Suppliers are expected to conduct at least annually due diligence of their respective supply chains, which includes the use of risk assessments and mechanisms to objectively measure compliance. Dell Technologies uses its own assessment mechanisms to scope Supplier participation in Dell Technologies' Supplier Engagement, Capability Building and Assessment Programs and engages with Suppliers to drive compliance and create shared value. Suppliers are also encouraged to highlight any risks adhering to these standards as a part of doing business with Dell Technologies.

1. Compliance with Laws, Regulations, and International Standards

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

It is essential to a socially and environmentally responsible supply chain that Suppliers conduct their business legally, and ethically. Dell Technologies and Suppliers shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

TRADE COMPLIANCE

Suppliers shall comply with export control and economic sanctions laws and regulations of the United States, the European Union, United Kingdom, and other applicable jurisdictions ("Trade Compliance Laws"). This includes, without limitation, export licensing requirements, end user, end-use, and end-destination restrictions, prohibitions on dealings with sanctioned individuals and entities, including but not limited to persons on the U.S. Office of Foreign Assets Control's (OFAC) Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List, or the U.S. Department of Commerce Denied Persons List, Bureau of Information and Security (BIS) Entity List, Military End-User List, and Military Intelligence End-User List as amended, entities otherwise subject to military end-use restrictions, as well as the UFLPA Entity List. Suppliers agree not to violate the Trade Compliance Laws with respect to sourcing, licensing, or delivery of products to Dell Technologies. Suppliers shall maintain trade compliance policies and procedures, including screening procedures, that are adequate to ensure that Suppliers comply with the Trade Compliance Laws.



ANTI-CORRUPTION

Dell Technologies does not tolerate bribes, kickbacks, or extortion of any kind. Business decisions involving Dell Technologies shall always be made based on the merits of Dell Technologies products and services.

Suppliers must comply with all applicable anti-bribery, anti-kickback, and anti-corruption laws, including without limitation, the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, the United Kingdom Bribery Act of 2010, and those in effect in jurisdictions where suppliers act or purchase, market, sell, distribute, source, license, or deliver Dell Technologies products or services ("Anti-Corruption Laws").

Suppliers must never offer, promise, request, authorize or accept a bribe, directly or through a third party, for any reason. A bribe can be anything of value, including cash payments, gifts, travel or lodging expenses, charitable donations, event sponsorships, meals, entertainment, or job opportunities, that is intended to improperly induce, influence, secure, or reward a decision or act of the recipient to promote the business interests of Dell Technologies.

Suppliers shall maintain and enforce reasonably adequate policies, procedures, and internal controls to ensure that Suppliers and any person to whom Suppliers subcontract the provision of any element of the services to be provided, or who provides any services or receives any payment in connection with Suppliers' performance of services, comply with the Anti-Corruption Laws. Suppliers agree to fully cooperate with Dell Technologies in the evaluation of program effectiveness.

Suppliers must conduct appropriate risk-based due diligence on any third party that Suppliers may subcontract, oversee, manage, transact with, direct, or otherwise engage in the context of Dell Technologies business, and to use such third parties only when necessary. Do not work with any individual or entity that engages in, or is suspected of engaging in, bribes, kickbacks, fraud, or other improper activities.

GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY

All gifts, meals, travel, or entertainment offered or provided by Suppliers must comply with Anti-Corruption Laws in addition to local laws, rules, and regulations. Gifts or hospitality shall never be offered or provided under circumstances that create the appearance of impropriety.

Suppliers are prohibited from offering or providing gifts greater than 100 USD (or equivalent in local currency) or lavish hospitality to Dell Technologies' team members.

FINANCIAL INTEGRITY AND ACCURATE RECORD KEEPING

Suppliers must maintain and provide upon request, proper, accurate, complete, and reliable financial and business records to Dell Technologies relating to any transactions or expenditures relevant to any Dell Technologies business. Suppliers are prohibited from "parking funds", creating "slush funds", or engaging in similar improper or false accounting practices.

PRIVACY AND PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION

Dell Technologies expects its Suppliers to understand, track, and comply with all laws and regulations related to privacy and data protection that are relevant to their actions as a Supplier. Among other things, this means that Suppliers should access, collect, use, share, transfer or store the personal information of others only when specifically, authorized, only as necessary for legitimate business purposes, and only to collect personal information of others with appropriate notices of the purposes for which that personal information will be used. Suppliers must meet the limitation of use requirements set forth in their Supplier



agreement for any personal data received from Dell Technologies. As also required in Supplier agreements, Dell Technologies expects Suppliers to implement appropriate safeguards to ensure the protection, integrity, and security of personal information in accordance with applicable data privacy laws. This includes holding accountable subcontractors that handle personal data to at least the same requirements imposed upon Suppliers. Dell Technologies also expects Suppliers to notify Dell Technologies promptly according to the terms of the Suppliers' agreement should a suspected or actual breach of data security occur with respect to personal data received from Dell Technologies or collected on behalf or for the benefit of Dell Technologies.

COMPLY WITH ANTITRUST AND COMPETITION LAWS

Dell Technologies is committed to observing the applicable antitrust or competition laws ("Competition Laws") of all countries in which it conducts business and expects Suppliers to share that commitment. The Competition Laws prohibit actions which are deemed to unreasonably restrain trade, such as, but not limited to, fixing prices, or allocating customers. The penalties for failing to comply with these laws can be severe and include significant fines and possible jail time for certain infractions.

CERTIFICATIONS

All Suppliers engaged in the manufacturing and/or assembly of Dell Technologies-branded finished products shall achieve and maintain certification on the ISO Standards identified in the Statement of Principles, above. Suppliers who have certifications to similar standards or who are working to obtain initial certification must submit the alternate certificate or a certification schedule, respectively, to Dell Technologies for approval.

2. Core Policy Commitments and Supplier Requirements

Dell Technologies imposes specific requirements on its Suppliers with respect to the following issue areas:

RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS ALLIANCE (RBA) CODE OF CONDUCT

Dell Technologies is proud to be a founding member of RBA. The RBA Code of Conduct (hereafter known as the "Code") establishes standards for safe, responsible, ethical, and sustainable business operations in which workers are treated with respect and dignity. Dell Technologies expects facilities managed by its suppliers to abide by the Code and for them to expect the same of their Suppliers; in doing so, Dell Technologies manages its own facilities to the same standards.

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT AND FUNDING LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Supplier's products or services may be used by Dell Technologies in fulfilling a government prime contract or subcontract or other government-funded contract requiring compliance with various procurement or funding laws and regulations and socioeconomic programs. Therefore, Supplier is subject to these requirements applicable to Supplier in effect at the time Dell Technologies issues its order, including but not limited to the United States Code of Federal Regulations ("CFR") at 48 CFR 52.211-15; all applicable clauses listed at 48 CFR 52.212-5(e) and 48 CFR 52.244-6; 2 CFR Part 200; 29 CFR Part 471, Appendix A to Subpart A; and 41 CFR 60-I.4(a), 60-300.5(a) and 60-741.5(a), which prohibit discrimination against qualified individuals based on their status as protected veterans or individuals with disabilities and prohibit discrimination against all individuals based on their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. *It is*



Supplier's responsibility to stay up to date on the list of clauses in 48 CFR 52.212-5(e) and 48 CFR 52.244-6, which are accessible at https://www.acquisition.gov.

Supplier shall also comply with the provisions of 48 CFR 52.204-21, 48 CFR 252.204-7012, 48 CFR 252.204-7019, 48 CFR 252.204-7020, and 48 CFR 252.204-7021 if: (i) Supplier's performance involves access to "Federal contract information" or "covered defense information" (as those terms are defined in 48 CFR 52.204-21(a) and 48 CFR 252.204-7012(a), respectively); and (ii) Suppler is providing other than "commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS)" items (as defined in 48 CFR 2.101).

By doing business with Dell Technologies, Supplier further represents that (i) neither it nor any of its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any government agency; and (ii) it is providing current, accurate, and complete information when Dell Technologies relies on such information for representations to its customers including but not limited to information such as country-of-origin or place of manufacture, Supplier size or minority status, export classification, citizenship of relevant Supplier personnel, locations of relevant Supplier activities, compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and product certifications and standards or capabilities. Supplier shall immediately notify Dell Technologies of any relevant change in status of any of these representations.

Dell Technologies may require Supplier to certify its compliance with any of the above-cited requirements.

RESTRICTED SOURCES AND TECHNOLOGIES

Supplier represents that it does not provide: (1) covered telecommunications equipment or services, or (2) any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. The terms "covered telecommunications equipment or services," "substantial or essential component," and "critical technology" are as defined in 48 CFR 52.204-25 or by any United States Executive Order. Supplier also represents that it does not provide to Dell Technologies any products, solutions, software, or technologies (or any substantial/essential component thereof) that are sourced from any person or provider that is restricted as a source by the FAR. Supplier shall immediately notify Dell Technologies directly if it sources from any supplier restricted by the FAR.

WORKING CONDITIONS, FORCED LABOR AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Dell Technologies is committed to upholding the human rights of workers at any tier of its supply chain, and to treating them with dignity and respect. Workers include direct employees, temporary workers, migrant workers, student workers, contract workers, and any other person(s) providing labor and employment services to Supplier. In addition to the international standards listed in Statement of Principles, this commitment also encompasses (but is not limited to) the following core tenets:

- Forced, bonded (including debt bondage) or indentured labor, involuntary prison labor, slavery or trafficking of persons of any age shall not be used at any tier of the supply chain, including use of recruitment fees by suppliers or labor agents recruiting workers.
- No misleading or fraudulent practices by employers or labor agents during worker recruitment.
- · Child labor is prohibited in any tier of the supply chain.
- Compliance with 48 CFR 52.222-50 (Combating Trafficking in Persons).



These and additional requirements are aligned with the international frameworks listed in Statement of Principles, above.

RESPONSIBLE SOURCING

Dell Technologies is committed to the responsible sourcing of materials used in our products and expects its Suppliers to adhere to the same high standards, which includes Dell's obligation to comply with the U.S. Dodd-Frank Act Section 1502 or other responsible sourcing risks or applicable regulatory requirements; as well as the UFLPA, and all other all applicable laws and regulations regarding the prevention of forced labor within our supply chain.

Suppliers shall have a policy to assure compliance with Trade Compliance Laws, including but not limited to the UFLPA. Upon Dell's written request, Suppliers shall certify that forced labor was not employed in any stage of manufacture of the merchandise or any component thereof and that Suppliers do not purchase or otherwise obtain (directly or indirectly) any inputs (e.g., raw materials) used to produce the goods sold to Dell Technologies from any entities (a) located in a country, region, or territory subject to import restrictions by U.S. Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") or the customs authority of other relevant jurisdictions; or (b) subject to CBP's or the custom authority of other relevant jurisdictions' import restrictions. Suppliers shall provide information to Dell Technologies with respect to the providers of the inputs (including downstream suppliers) used to produce the goods, including, but not limited to, purchase orders, invoices, bill of ladings, transportation documents, importation documents, pictures of raw materials, etc. Suppliers shall respond to any Dell Technologies due diligence inquiries or requests for information made by Dell Technologies to ensure the compliance of the Suppliers goods with U.S. Customs and Border Protection or other customs authorities' requirements. Suppliers shall fully cooperate in any forced labor related enforcement action brought by CBP or the customs authority of other relevant jurisdictions.

Suppliers shall have a policy to assure that products manufactured with mineral identified as "conflict" or otherwise designated as requiring specific assurance and incorporated in Dell Technologies-branded finished products do not directly or indirectly finance or benefit armed groups that engage in human rights violations in conflict-affected and high-risk areas, including the Democratic Republic of the Congo or an adjoining country.

Such minerals include, but are not limited to, tantalum, tin, tungsten, and gold (3TG), and cobalt. The list of such minerals might vary based on risk profiles and the use of such minerals within Dell Technologies-branded finished products supply chain.

Suppliers shall also conduct a supply chain survey to identify smelters and refiners of minerals, including 3TG and/or cobalt within their supply chain, and report to Dell Technologies using the last version of industry tools, including the Responsible Mineral Initiative's Conflict Minerals Reporting Template (CMRT) and the Extended Minerals Reporting Template (EMRT). Suppliers shall respond to Dell Technologies' requests for additional information or action that is necessary for Dell Technologies to complete its own due diligence as set forth in the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas and in the U.S. Dodd-Frank Act Section 1502 or other responsible sourcing risks or applicable regulatory requirements.

Suppliers are expected to source from smelters and refiners that are compliant with the Responsible Minerals Assurance Process (RMAP). In doing so, Suppliers should extend this expectation to their third-party suppliers and take the necessary actions to remove from their supply chain smelters that are not participating in any third-party assurance program, either through alternative sourcing or driving smelter certification. In the event of a non-compliant RMAP smelter being reported, Dell Technologies expects a



mitigation plan to expedite the non-compliant smelter's removal or resolution at the same time as reporting non-compliances.

SECURITY OF DELL INFORMATION, PRODUCTS AND SYSTEMS

Dell Technologies expects its Suppliers, and their subcontractors, to maintain security controls and risk management processes to identify and mitigate security risks that could negatively impact Dell Technologies' information, products, or systems. Additionally, Suppliers are expected to track, understand, and comply with applicable security laws, regulations, rules, and guidance. Suppliers, including their subcontractors, must implement the administrative, technical, and physical controls outlined in their Supplier agreement. At a minimum and where applicable, the Supplier agreement must include controls that align with industry frameworks (e.g., ISO 27001, NIST Cybersecurity Framework) and cover program governance, access management, secure software development, vulnerability management, network security, incident response, HR security, and physical security.

Suppliers are expected to implement and maintain counterfeit mitigation measures that substantially meet the system criteria specified in 48 CFR 252.246-7007 (Contractor Counterfeit Electronic Part Detection and Avoidance System); provide to Dell Technologies on request, information concerning such counterfeit mitigation measures; and address any material deficiencies in such mitigation measures that may be identified by Dell Technologies or by Suppliers.

SUPPLIER DIVERSITY

Dell Technologies believes an ethical, diverse supply chain is a vital part of its business. Suppliers must meet the following diversity requirements: (1) comply with any applicable laws and regulations targeted towards Suppliers to local governmental entities; (2) use reasonable efforts to engage minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses, small businesses, LGBTE-owned businesses and disabled-owned businesses if Supplier engages subcontractors to provide any deliverables or to support the Supplier's overall business operations; (3) use commercially reasonable efforts to engage small businesses as defined by the <u>United States Small Business Administration</u> (including small business subcategories such as small disadvantaged businesses, small women-owned businesses, veteran-owned businesses, service disabled veteran-owned businesses and HUBZone businesses) if Supplier engages subcontractors in the United States to provide any deliverables or to support the Supplier's general business operations; (4) maintain accurate records of Supplier's efforts under this provision; and (5) submit quarterly reports to Dell Technologies on request, Supplier's spend with minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses, small businesses, LGBTE-owned businesses and disabled-owned businesses.

AVOID CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Suppliers must avoid both actual and potential conflicts of interest involving Dell Technologies business. A conflict of interest consists of any circumstance, including a personal relationship, the giving or receiving of lavish business courtesies, a business investment, or other financial interest that may compromise a Supplier's ability to act with objectivity and in the best interests of Dell Technologies. Suppliers shall not conduct Dell Technologies business with a Dell Technologies employee who has a romantic, familial, or other personal relationship with a current employee of their company. Suppliers must promptly disclose to Dell Technologies all pertinent details of any personal, financial, or other situation that represents or appears to represent an actual or potential conflict of interest.

USE OF INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE



Dell Technologies is committed to the use of inclusive language in our products and across our supply chain. We are remediating non-inclusive language over time where practicable and preventing future ongoing use. Suppliers should avoid use of non-inclusive terms in code and content within deliverables provided to Dell Technologies, with sensitivity to terms such as:

- Master/Slave or Master-Slave
- Slave
- Master
- Blacklist/Whitelist or Blacklist-Whitelist
- Blacklist, Black list
- Whitelist, White list
- · Blackhat, Black hat
- · Whitehat, White hat
- · Segregate/Segregation
- Blackout
- · Man-hour, man day
- Manpower
- Rule of Thumb

3. Supplier Engagement, Capability Building, and Assessment Programs

To help ensure that global standards and Dell Technologies policy commitments are implemented and reinforced, Dell Technologies requires key Suppliers to participate in its programs to understand and evaluate risks and Supplier performance, build capability to meet and exceed applicable standards, and remedy areas of concern.

Programs include, but are not limited to, managing working hours, maintenance of management systems, ensuring onsite health and safety standards, environmental reporting; disposition of electronic material. Suppliers are identified for programs according to Dell Technologies' own assessment mechanism and are expected to participate as requested. In addition to these programs, Suppliers are expected to report any incident which encompass any of the conditions listed below which result in the following:

- Death;
- Significant injury to three or more employees or injury to 10 or more employees;
- Any infectious disease outbreaks such as Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), tuberculosis, or public health events required by <u>International Health Regulations</u> to be reported to the World Health Organization;
- Environmental pollution that has been cited or acknowledged by local government;
- Environmental, safety or labor issue reported by public media or a non-governmental organization (NGO);
- Environmental, health, safety, or other related issue resulting in a relocation or shutdown notice from local government;
- Environmental, health, safety, or other related issue resulting in relocation or shutdown planning or roadmaps by a supplier; or
- Fire or other safety incidents causing significant property loss.

ENSURING SUPPLIER SUITABILITY

Dell Technologies conducts appropriate risk-based due diligence on all Suppliers during the initiation of the relationship, and throughout the term of the relationship. Suppliers must comply with Dell Technologies'



due diligence procedures and provide complete, accurate, and timely information when requested to facilitate such efforts.

In addition, Suppliers must provide periodic certifications of Suppliers' compliance with relevant laws and these Principles, and perform any other requested mitigation activities, in a form, manner and timeframe acceptable to Dell Technologies.

BUSINESS CONTINUITY

Dell Technologies' global footprint, flexibility, and Suppliers' relationships are key to the resilience of our supply chain. Dell Technologies expects Suppliers to develop and maintain a business continuity and resiliency plan ("BCRP") in accordance with Supplier's agreement with Dell Technologies. Suppliers may also be asked to provide information regarding business continuity preparedness, as aligned with ISO 22301.

QUARTERLY BUSINESS REVIEWS

Key Suppliers must undergo a quarterly business review with Dell Technologies, which includes scoring and/or metrics, as determined by Dell Technologies, of their supply chain performance aligned to these Principles, particularly regarding sustainability, risk, and security. Dell Technologies Suppliers are evaluated quarterly and should expect their scores to influence Dell Technologies' purchasing decisions.

AUDIT RIGHTS

Dell Technologies may audit Supplier, upon notice and in a non-disruptive fashion, to ensure compliance with applicable laws, the Agreement, and the Supplier Principles.

TRANSPARENCY AND REPORTING

Transparency is important to Dell Technologies' customers and other stakeholders. To this end, Dell Technologies publicly discloses certain assurance information. This information includes, but is not limited to, annually aggregated data on Dell Technologies' social and environmental responsibility programs and a list of Dell Technologies' key Suppliers.

If Suppliers become aware of facts or circumstances that will likely lead to or cause violations/misconduct of these Principles, the Suppliers must immediately notify Dell Technologies. In the event Dell Technologies receives substantive allegations of violations/misconduct, Dell Technologies reserves the right to immediately investigate the allegations and if required by law, will disclose all relevant information related to the allegations to the appropriate authorities.

Unless exempted by Dell Technologies, Suppliers shall publish, at its own expense, (a) an annually updated public sustainability report based on the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) or other internationally recognized framework and (b) participate in environmental reporting. Suppliers must also provide information about social and environmental responsibility, including compliance with Dell Technologies policies, when requested by Dell Technologies.



CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Dell Technologies is committed to responsible sourcing and Suppliers must meet the standards specified in these Principles. With a focus on self-assessment, internal ownership and self-accountability, Suppliers should continue to make changes that will bring long-lasting, sustainable impact not only to their own facilities and operations, but also to Dell Technologies.

4. Reporting Suspected Violations

If Suppliers know of, or suspect, a violation of applicable laws or regulations or these Principles, Suppliers are encouraged to utilize the following reporting options:

- Dell Technologies' Ethics Helpline at www.dell-ethicsline.com.
- Audit Committee of the Dell Technologies Board of Directors at Board of Directors@dell.com.
- Dell Technologies' Privacy team at Privacy@dell.com, for matters involving personal information.

Any reported violation will be kept confidential to the maximum extent allowed under applicable laws. Such reports may be made anonymously, by using any of the methods set forth above. Although reports of violations or suspected violations under these Principles may be made verbally, Suppliers are encouraged to make any such reports in writing, which assists the investigation process.

Dell Technologies will not retaliate against anyone who provides information or otherwise assists in an investigation or proceeding regarding any conduct the person reasonably believes constitutes a violation of applicable laws or these Principles.

Suppliers are expected, consistent with applicable laws and contractual obligations, to provide reasonable assistance to any investigation by Dell Technologies of a violation of these Principles or applicable laws, and to allow Dell Technologies reasonable access to all facilities, records and documentation concerning their compliance with these Principles and laws applicable to Dell Technologies's procurement of Supplier's products and/or services.