

## How to Mitigate Compliance Risks in Your Contingent Workforce

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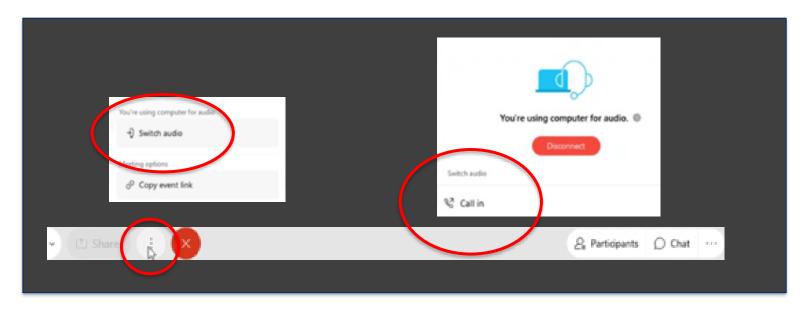


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## What do we mean by "compliance" and "risk"?

- "Anything that threatens a company's ability to achieve its financial goals is considered a business risk." *Investopedia*
- Compliance means adhering to a set of rules, such as policies, standards, specifications, laws or regulations.

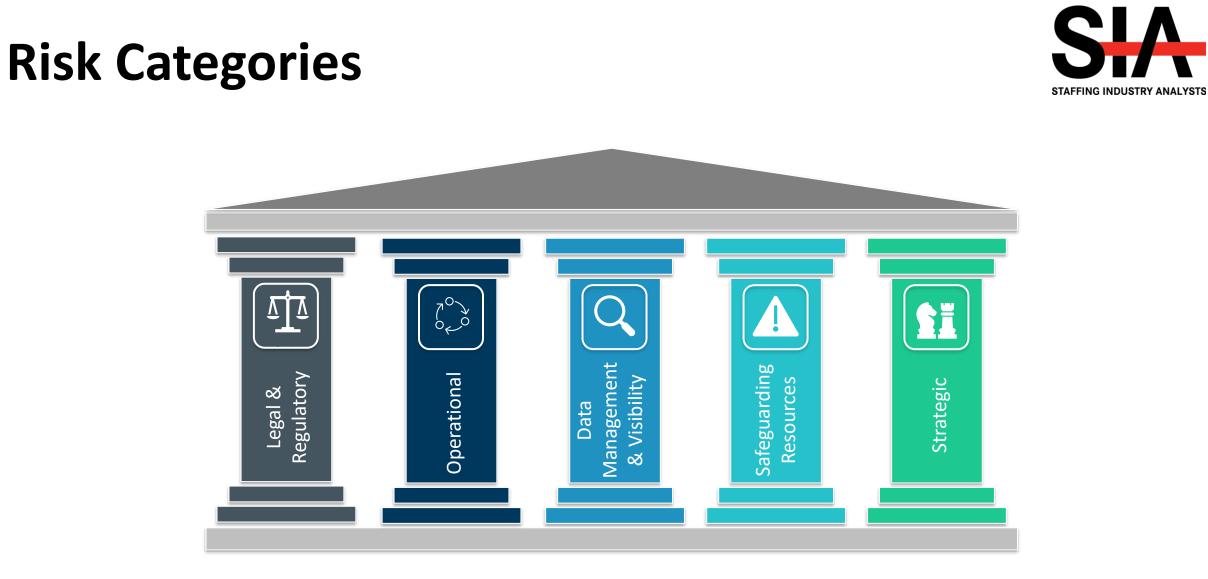
In some cases, compliance is mandatory. In others it is voluntary. Organizations choose to comply to avoid penalties, to improve business operations, and to boost their competitive advantage.

## Polling question #1



How aware are you of the types of risks associated with managing a Contingent Workforce program?

- A. Very aware. We know all the risks our program faces.
- B. Moderately aware. We have a pretty good understanding of the risks we must deal with.
- C. Somewhat aware. It would be good to learn more to be sure.
- D. Unaware. Risk is an area we need to study in more detail.



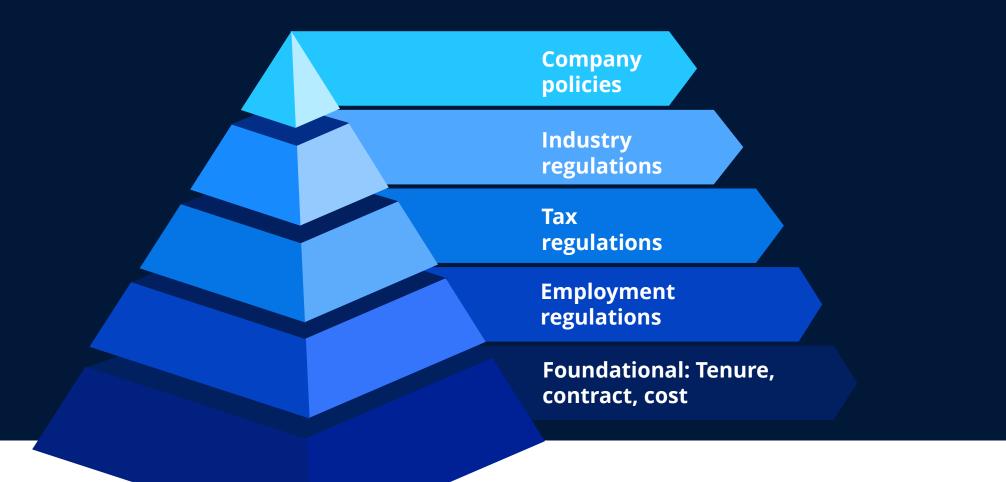
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## Polling question #2

If you have policies in place to protect against these risks, are you in compliance with these policies?

- A. Yes. We have very strict compliance procedures as well as audits to ensure that we comply.
- B. Somewhat. We are strict about compliance in some areas, but not in all.
- C. Not really. We should take steps to put policies in place and ensure compliance.

## Compliance hierarchy



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## Legal compliance is complex



#### **United States**

Key legislation relating to independent contractor classification includes:

- U.S. Tax Code (federal income tax withholding)
- FLSA (Fair Labor Standards Act minimum wage and overtime)
- FMLA (Family and Medical Leave Act)
- ERISA (Employee Retirement Income Security Act)
- State Workers' Compensation Laws/Agencies
- State Income Tax Withholding
- Federal Anti-Discrimination Laws (Title VII, ADA, etc.)
- State and Local Anti-Discrimination Laws
- NLRA (National Labor Relations Act)
- IRCA (Immigration Reform and Control Act).



#### United Kingdom (UK)

The government has introduced changes to IR35 to improve its effectiveness in cracking down on "offpayroll" working in the public and private sectors.

#### France



If an independent contractor is misclassified and works in a subordinate capacity to the organization that he/she is contracted to work with, the contractor may be deemed a permanent employee of the user enterprise with an indefinite-term employment contract.

#### Germany



Simply saying in a contract that a worker is an independent contractor in Germany carries no weight at all. Companies must take great care in establishing the criteria and processes necessary to properly classify independent contractors.

## Protection of personal data

- Pandemic and remote working have shown the value of access to nonemployees' personal data
- Must be collected and managed in ways that protect personal data and avoid co-employment
- There is a safe way to collect personal data of contingent workers



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## How to assess & manage risk



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## SIA Risk Assessment Matrix (5X5)



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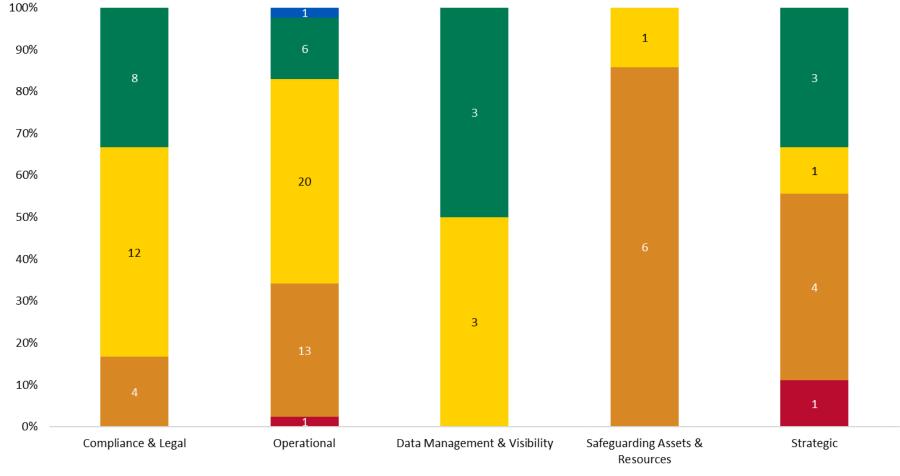
Almost Certain	Moderate	High	High	Extreme	Extreme		
Likely	Moderate	Moderate	High	High	Extreme		
Possible	Low	Moderate	Moderate	High	High		
Unlikely	Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate	High		
Rare	Low	Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate		
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Probability

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#### Sample Risk Assessment by Category





■ Extreme ■ High ■ Moderate ■ Low ■ N/A

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## Contingent Workforce Management's (CWM's) role & responsibility for managing risk & compliance



It is not CWM's job to determine which risks the company is willing to accept.

#### CWM's job is to:

- Ensure the program complies with all laws, regulations, and policies concerning the contingent workforce
- Maintain a record of compliance in case of audit, inspection, or review
- Not knowing is not an excuse

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## Visibility



Goal is not to be the Compliance Police



Goal is to shine a light where there could be risk and remove the friction from implementing compliance procedures

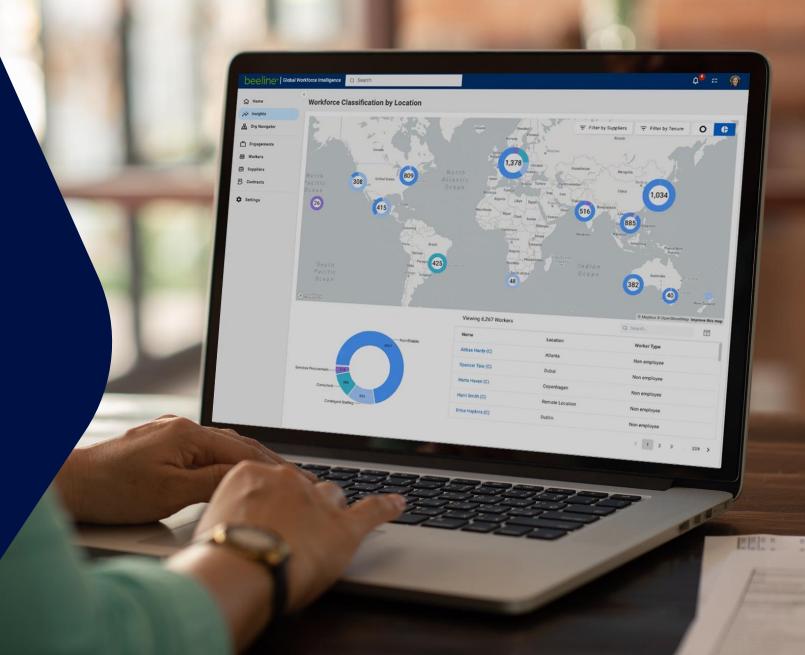


## Strategic workforce planning

- Human capital is most companies' largest operational expense
- In 2023, nearly 50% of most companies' human capital are nonemployees
- Procurement controls most companies' non-employee workforce spend
- Therefore, HR and Procurement must be more closely aligned in strategic workforce planning



Where should I start?



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## Time for your questions...





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## Key Takeaways

- Compliance & risk are complex
- It is important to be able to identify and manage risk
- Contingent Workforce Management has responsibility
- If you can't see it, you can't manage it
- Unmanaged risk can have a trickle-down effect
- Technology can play an important role to manage and mitigate risk

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