



## 2021 National Outreach Survey for Transportation Oversight Agency

### Background

United Against Slavery (UAS) spent six years developing a Collaborative Research Model and data collection methodology and repository to collect, maintain, and publish human trafficking data. UAS has collaborated with more than [50 experts in 22 countries](#). Our initial threads of effort included Pilot Studies in 2016 and 2018 and a National Outreach Survey for Flight Attendants in early 2020. This project not only offered proof of our concept but also provided a treasure trove of information from transportation workers, which clearly outlined the magnitude of the problem. During 2020, UAS became the first-ever recipient of the USDOT Combating Human Trafficking in Transportation [Impact Award](#). Data, resulting from this USDOT award, will be made available through a final report and an open-source database.

The winning proposal is the UAS introduction of the **2021 National Outreach Survey for Transportation**, a comprehensive survey for multi-modes of transportation, to identify what is and isn't working on the frontlines and document unresolved challenges and recommendations for counter-trafficking efforts. This survey will address the significant data gap regarding the intersection of sex and labor trafficking and transportation. This is a national priority and is important to collect data across all modes of industry. A survivor survey will also be held for sex and labor trafficking survivors to uncover how transportation was used in their exploitation and healing journeys.

### Oversight Agencies

UAS needs help distributing the NOS for Transportation to Association/Union members and industry employees. This role is otherwise known as an Oversight Agency (OA). An OA is any approved entity that agrees to distribute a custom NOS survey link to their database of contacts, relevant to this study. The UAS team can provide custom survey questions across one or more subsets of your contacts and will provide baseline questions asked to everyone completing the NOS for Transportation. Here are a few highlights of participating as an OA:

- The online survey is anonymized so that personal contact information is not collected, unless requested by the survey respondent.
- The survey respondent can complete the survey at different times and on multiple devices during the 60 days in which the survey is open. Launch date is to be determined in 2021.
- Participating as an Oversight Agency requires minimal time commitment and has no cost for participation.
- The data will be made available to the public-at-large through an open-source database and a final data report. As an OA, you can gain early access to some data, if desired.
- This national survey is under a DOT grant and will help inform new policy development, improve awareness and training programs for frontline laborers, and confirm gaps of knowledge about sex and labor trafficking in a work environment.

We all want to be a part of the solution to mitigate the use of transportation in exploiting victims of human trafficking. We hope you will consider becoming an Oversight Agency with United Against Slavery and agree to distribute a survey link for the NOS for Transportation. You can find out more information at the website.

<https://www.unitedagainstsavery.org/impact-award-team.html>

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