



## Communication Access Services (CAS)

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) established a multiple award Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) for Communication Access Services (CAS) under GSA's Professional Service Schedule. This contract vehicle has a Small Business (SB) track and an Unrestricted (UNR) track to encourage small business participation while ensuring DHS surge requirements can be met. CAS provides Services for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Blind Communities - includes sign language interpretation, Video Remote Interpretation (VRI), Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART), Braille transliteration, reader services, and desktop publishing services and 508 compliance.

### Key Contract Vehicle Features:

- Enables DHS and its Components to strategically leverage collective buying power through a simplified and lower cost method of procurement;
- Centralizes reporting to document language requirements, fulfillment and usage;
- Reduces redundant orders and contracting actions;
- Allows for a streamlined ordering process;
- Promotes achievement of socioeconomic goals;
- Promotes compliance with federal civil rights requirements;
- Drives performance standardization to improve the quality of services; and
- Improves customer services provided to DHS employees and the public

Period of Performance (POP): Five years (3/4/2022 – 3/3/2027)

Number of Awardees: five small businesses

### Contractor Information:

Contract #	Contractor Name
70FA4022A00000001	Deaf Services Unlimited Inc.
70FA4022A00000008	Friends Interpreting Services, LLC
70FA4022A00000009	TCS Interpreting, Inc. (TCSI)
70FA4022A00000010	Vital Signs, LLC.
70FA4022A00000011	Deaf Access Solutions (DAS)