



**Homeland
Security**

Independent Test Agent (ITA)

The Department of Homeland Security and the Science & Technology Directorate have established a new Strategic Sourcing Vehicle. This Blanket Purchase Agreement provides components with a full or partial Independent Test Agent (ITA) capability to support Test & Evaluation (T&E) requirements for Major Acquisition Programs (MAPs).

This BPA provides ITA support to DHS Components for its MAPs including:

- T&E in support of Information Technology (IT) and or Agile Software Development
- Cyber Resilience T&E
- Technology Systems (e.g., cameras; radar; command, control, and communication systems; data integration; motion sensors; etc.)
- Watercraft (e.g., U.S. Coast Guard Cutters and small coastal craft)
- Aviation (helicopters and fixed wing aircraft)
- Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS)
- Counter UAS systems
- Vehicles
- Detection systems (e.g., chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear, explosives)

Key Contract Vehicle Features:

- Plans, conducts, analyzes, assesses, and reports T&E for MAPs. This includes planning, execution and reporting for Early Operational Assessments (EOAs), Operational Assessments (OAs), Operational Test & Evaluations (OT&Es) and Follow-on Test and Evaluations (FOT&Es). May serve as the program's independent developmental test agent at the discretion of the Program Manager (PM).
- Is involved early in the acquisition lifecycle, reviewing draft requirements documents to ensure requirements are testable, measurable, and achievable. Provides feedback and recommendations to the sponsor during development of the Concept of Operations (CONOPS) and Operational Requirements Document (ORD).
- Brings together Subject Matter Expertise (SME) to: 1) design an Integrated Evaluation Framework (IEF), 2) plan and conduct corresponding testing, and 3) analyze data to deliver a comprehensive evaluation of operational effectiveness, suitability, and resilience.

Period of Performance (POP):

Seven years with no option years (5/13/2021 – 5/12/2028). Task Order performance may continue after the BOA ordering period for additional 12 months.

Number of Awardees:

Seven small businesses