

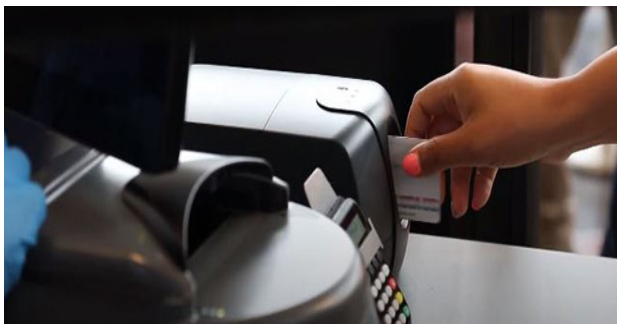
TSA's Capability Acceptance Process (CAP) benefits agency stakeholders and partners as well as TSA. CAP helps enhance security and the passenger experience by accelerating Transportation Security Equipment (TSE) deployment timelines and recapitalizing TSE.



TSA is authorized under the Aviation and Transportation Security Act to accept and use services, supplies, equipment, personnel, and facilities from any public or private source.

**Sampling of Capabilities that may be donated**

- ✓ Checkpoint Property Screening Systems
- ✓ Advanced Imaging Technology
- ✓ Credential Authentication Technology
- ✓ Explosive Detection Systems



For more information on the CAP, visit our website at [www.tsa.gov/for-industry/capability-acceptance-process](http://www.tsa.gov/for-industry/capability-acceptance-process) or email us at: CAP@tsa.dhs.gov

# Capability Acceptance Management Branch



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## CAPABILITY ACCEPTANCE PROCESS

TSA's Acquisition Program Management office developed the Capability Acceptance Management Branch to oversee the Capabilities Acceptance Process (CAP) and facilitate receiving donations of Transportation Security Equipment (TSE) and services from industry stakeholders and security partners.

Evaluation

Preparation

Implementation

Acceptance

The CAP evaluates, accepts, and implements requests that allow stakeholders and partners to procure, and ultimately transfer or convey the Capability to TSA. The CAP is neither a solicitation vehicle nor a circumvention of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and TSA acquisition or procurement processes.



## HOW DOES THE CAP WORK?

The process includes five steps across four phases: Evaluation, Preparation, Implementation, and Acceptance.

### Phase 1: Evaluation

- **Step 1: Initial Request** - The Donor contacts their local TSA POC to express interest in donating and initiate the Capability Request.
- **Step 2: Business Case Determination** - TSA evaluates Business Case and Financial Analysis Factors to evaluate whether it is in the best interest of the agency to accept the Capability Request.

### Phase 2: Preparation

- **Step 3: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** - TSA and the Donor formalize their intent by defining and documenting the baseline expectations for both parties.

### Phase 3: Implementation

- **Step 4: Support of Donor Responsibilities** – TSA will support the Donor as needed to implement activities including design, procurement, site preparation, delivery, installation and acceptance testing of the Capability.

### Phase 4: Acceptance

- **Step 5: Capability Offer and Acceptance** – After successful installation and acceptance, the Capability and ownership is formally transferred to TSA.

## WHAT CAN BE DONATED?

### Acceptable Capability

The Acceptable Capability List (ACL) is an official listing of equipment and technologies that TSA is able to accept from Donors for use within TSA operations. Information includes each acceptable capability's hardware and software data. The ACL is updated as innovations or enhancements to current technologies are approved for donation.

### Emerging Capabilities

Equipment or services not listed on the ACL are considered Emerging Capabilities. Emerging Capabilities cannot be accepted for operational use, but TSA may consider offers to provide or install these types of capabilities to support assessments through field demonstration or laboratory/operational testing.

### Requirements

Each Donor must strictly adhere to the CAP terms and conditions under the MOU, including general and Capability-specific guidelines. TSA will work with each Donor individually to determine what terms and conditions are applicable based on the specific Capability and screening environment. Key CAP terms include:

- Four years of maintenance and sustainment services per Capability.
- Donor-supported acceptance testing.
- Donor support of movement of TSA-supplied Capability.