## **Blog Post – Language Industry Changes - Internal**

As we enter a new year, "change" is the keyword for the world's largest language services providers (LSP's). While the market continues to grow by small but steady increments, the biggest players in the industry are being disrupted by mergers, acquisitions, legal actions and more.

Of course, we already know that **XYZ ACG**, the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest LSP (according to language industry advisor Common Sense Analysts) will be part of the spin-off of WXY Services and merger with CDE to form a new pure-play services company. Common Sense Analysts (CSA) founder and Chief Strategist Don Devine suggests, "the new company may reposition its ACG unit into being a full-service content-centric provider offering beginning-to-end support for content and code development." [Read <u>CSA blog post</u>]

In mid-December, we learned that **Leopardbridge**, the world's largest LSP, is being acquired by H.L.G. Capital. Statements by H.L.G. indicate Leopardbridge will continue operating with minimal disruptions to operations, but as with most mergers and acquisitions we can assume there will be some modifications to reduce expenses and improve profitability. [Read <u>CSA blog post</u>]

The fate of the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest LSP, privately-held **TransText**, will be determined by a court as the two founders battle for control of the company they started in a college dorm room. [Read Slative article featuring Phil Simon] [Read Slative article featuring Liz Elving]

The 4<sup>th</sup> largest LSP, **Language Arts Solutions**, was purchased by French call center company Teleperfect. CSA analysis asserts this acquisition completes the offerings Teleperfect needs to provide omni-channel customer experience (CX) to its clients. [Read <u>CSA blog post</u>]

How do you think these changes in the translation and localization industry will affect the work you do for XYZ?