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To: [Elections Canada](#)
Cc: [Gigou, Mylène](#); [Elections Canada](#); [Achtoutal, Brahim](#); [OCCE](#); [Elections Canada](#)
Subject: RE: Request for survey of secure locations in vicinity [REDACTED]
Date: October 13, 2023 3:27:00 PM
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Thank you [Elections Canada](#)

That is an interesting response as it is not in keeping with what [REDACTED] advised, which is that [REDACTED] is pushing for shared infrastructure not single use.

With regards to leveraging [REDACTED]. It would not help us in the timeliness though, as it requires onsite access, and would only be a solution [REDACTED]. I am not surprised the [REDACTED] pilot is full but again, it is too far away to be practical.

At any rate, I would indeed like the contact name at CSE. My preference is for TS access rather than Secret at any rate, but was hoping for a faster interim solution.

I will speak with [Elections Canada](#) separately on EC infrastructure in place and hopefully we can outline other potential solutions.

Thank you for the prompt follow up. I will keep you posted on our progress and coordinate efforts where possible.

Carmen

From: [Elections Canada](#)
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Salut Mme. Boucher,

We have not met but, as [Elections Canada](#) conveyed, I am responsible for the regular operations of facilities and spaces at Elections Canada.

We just spoke with our [REDACTED] client executive reps to establish what options/additional information we can provide to further inform your requirement for GCSI/secure spaces.

The conclusions are as follow:

1. [REDACTED] cannot identify any location within [REDACTED] where other government departments have infrastructure which the CCE could leverage in the short and medium term.
 - [REDACTED] does not manage the inventory of such spaces; CSE does.
 - [REDACTED] can provide a contact (at CSE) that we could pursue to determine if the option of leveraging existing infrastructures still exists.
 - Alternately, you may opt to use your existing network (at CSE) or that of EC's Corporate Security [Elections Canada](#) which informed their special purpose and secure space project.
 - [REDACTED], Departments and Agencies who have these secure infrastructures cannot or will not share them.
2. As a potential option in the longer term, [REDACTED] may make secure infrastructures/spaces available through the [GCCoworking sites](#).
 - A pilot project is currently underway at the [REDACTED] site where these spaces can be

leveraged.

- When asked if the CCE could be an added pilot participant the answer was a clear “no”.
- If this pilot were to be successful, [REDACTED] intention would be to extend the secure space offering [REDACTED] and allow other Departments and Agencies to access these.
 - When asked, [REDACTED] could not provide a timeline or level of commitment associated to this initiative.

From this preliminary perspective, I assess that the more concrete options are to plan to leverage the GCSI/secure spaces of Elections Canada or to pursue an independent infrastructure for the OCCE.

I am happy to continue to inform/support this initiative as you choose from a Facilities perspective.

As for [REDACTED] in her capacity as leader of [Workplace Transformation](#), she could provide timelines for the [REDACTED] GCSI/Secure space will be accommodated).

For her awareness, I have looped in [REDACTED] from EC's Corporate Security with whom I work daily when collaborating on joint space/security operations.

Merci et bon weekend à tous!

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From: [REDACTED] **Elections Canada**

Sent: Friday, September 29, 2023 3:28 PM

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Thanks Carmen – have provided to our [REDACTED] client executive team and will see if they need any additional information.

Looping in my colleague [REDACTED] **Elections Canada** Assistant Director responsible for Facilities Management (among other things). She will be the lead on liaising with [REDACTED] when it comes to finding existing space that can be leveraged (“borrowed”) by EC/CCE. My role focuses on our future office spaces and workplace transformation. That said, [REDACTED] **Elections Canada** and I work very closely together so, when in doubt, don't hesitate to reach out to either of us (or both) and we will make sure the right person responds. [REDACTED] **Elections Canada** is also off on vacation starting today so I have taken the liberty to reach out to [REDACTED] in her absence.

[REDACTED] **Elections Canada**, perhaps you can provide some more info on the GCSI question and what we have / will have at [REDACTED] and how CCE may be able to leverage it. In parallel, I have put the question to [REDACTED] re. centralized services in the area.

Cheers!

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From: Boucher, Carmen [REDACTED] OCCE

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Good day, Elections Canada [REDACTED]

Further to our discussion this week, I note that the Office of the Commissioner of Canada Elections (OCCE) has clearly identified a need to develop access to or in-house secure facilities. We are conducting a client assessment for our needs specifically as to the frequency of access needed, as well as turnaround time both during and outside an election.

As a first step to this process, would it be possible to ask [REDACTED] to advise whether there are locations within [REDACTED] where other government departments have infrastructure which we could leverage. This could provide either a short to medium term solution, or an alternative to installing our own infrastructure. In the event that there is no such infrastructure in walking distance, identifying such access on [REDACTED] is important, to avoid potential [REDACTED] delays when we need a rapid turnaround.

- CTSN terminals for receiving and accessing of TS documents in an electronic format
- Secure VTC at SECRET - needed
- Secure VTC at TS level - ideal
- Secure IP phone [REDACTED] with or without video capacity

Separately, we would also appreciate more information on EC's efforts to leverage the Government of Canada Secret Infrastructure (GCSI) and how OCCE could be included in or served by that initiative. Access to a secret level terminal would be of certain interest and would need to be taken into account when we move into proposing a menu of options for our Commissioner. I know [REDACTED] has been working with SSC to provide centralized Services in this regard.

Thank you once again for the discussion and your support in this regard,



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Please feel free to respond in your language of choice.
 N'hésitez pas à répondre dans votre langue de préférence.