

**From:** [Boucher, Carmen](#)  
**To:** EC  
**Subject:** RE: Checking in and update  
**Date:** May 16, 2024 11:09:00 AM  
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OK. The CCE is already briefed but has not seen the memo of course.

Thanks!

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**From:** EC  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2024 11:08 AM  
**To:** Boucher, Carmen OCCE  
**Subject:** RE: Checking in and update

I think that's reasonable. I have asked [Elections Canada](#) to brief EC while EC is away, which should help expediate EC reviewing/signing the letter. I will continue to follow-up with EC and copy you when I do though.

EC

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**From:** Boucher, Carmen <EC>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2024 10:59 AM  
**To:** EC  
**Subject:** RE: Checking in and update

Agreed, EC timing is good, and saves us some steps. I think my email prompted [Elections](#) to reach out to CSE/SSMO so clarifies that need for the AO status.

I will put this in the note to the Commissioner. If she asked Caroline Xavier to prioritize our request, it would be best that she have a timeline for it. Do you think we can aim to have it to CSE for mid-June? I am worried about summer hitting and everyone goes off and we grind to a halt.

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**From:** EC  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2024 10:44 AM  
**To:** Boucher, Carmen <OCCE>  
**Subject:** FW: Checking in and update

Given [Elections](#) response, I don't know that a meeting is needed but I can send him an email and ask for some clarification/confirmation about costs.

Thoughts?

EC

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**From:** [Elections Canada](#)  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2024 10:41 AM  
**To:** Boucher, Carmen EC  
**Cc:** [Elections Canada](#) EC  
**Subject:** RE: Checking in and update

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Good day Carmen,

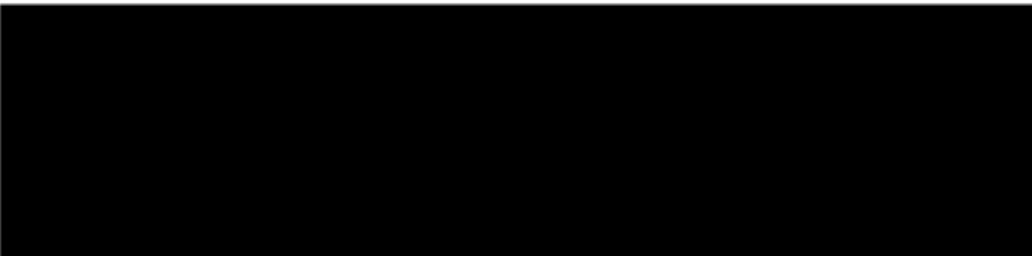
Many thanks for your reply that indeed helps me better understand what you meant.

- I did reach out to CSE/SSMO and [REDACTED]. Their answer is it is NOT possible to sign a co-use until you are recognized as an Authorized Organisation.
- Therefore I recommend you continue your discussions with CSE so that you become an official AO, and [REDACTED].
- In the meantime, if there are any specific document you need to access, then I would be able to provide access to those documents punctually to those with appropriate clearance.

Hope this helps

Regard

[REDACTED]



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**From:** Boucher, Carmen <OCCE [REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 8, 2024 11:41 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] EC  
**Subject:** RE: Checking in and update

EXTERNAL EMAIL – USE CAUTION / COURRIEL EXTERNE – FAITES PREUVE DE PRUDENCE

Hello again

Sorry if I brought confusion. Elections Canada is leading on our initiatives here, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

We are pursuing assessments on an in house SCIF, but in the event it is a) feasible and b) fiscally reasonable, it will take a couple years.

We reached out to CSE on how to assess our space for SCIF and also to enter into a co-use/tenant [REDACTED] and their suggestion was we start by applying for authorized organization status as it will allow both initiatives to move forward and be assessed. Thus the bureaucracy chugging along.

All that said, when we last spoke, you had noted that you could look into whether there is a way to sign a co-use agreement with an organization that is not accredited. [REDACTED], especially as the elections are at most 18 months away and I need CTSN access in place for that major event. Solutions urgently needed in fact, and I lack the knowledge to propose them so we are relying on our partners and experts for guidance.

I hope this clarifies, and I have cc'd EC to ensure I am not stepping on her toes as EC is leading the initiative.

Cheers

Carmen

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:09 PM  
**To:** Boucher, Carmen <OCCE [REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Checking in and update

Good day

M - Clearly irrelevant / manifestement non pertinent

Reading your email got me a bit confused

You asking to be AO with CSE – does it mean you are building a SCIF?  
 If not – then you cannot be AO in somebody else's SCIF... you can be a co-use/tenant however

As for COMCO training – it's a very big deal – CSE offers regularly training at their site – it takes typically half a day. It must be coordinated with them.

[REDACTED] We will still need to identify and validate the level of access/service you will require. Depending on what is possible and acceptable, then we will also let you know what would be the associated costs and conditions.

Feel free to contact me anytime if you have questions or just want more info

Regards

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Boucher, Carmen <OCCE [REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:55 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Checking in and update

EXTERNAL EMAIL – USE CAUTION / COURRIEL EXTERNE – FAITES PREUVE DE PRUDENCE

Salut [REDACTED]

J'espère que tout va bien de ton côté.

I am not sure if EC from Elections Canada has been keeping you up to date on EC efforts, but I wanted to check in on my

end.

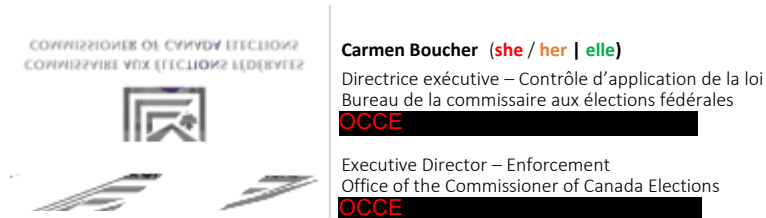
We are working on obtaining Authorized Organization status from CSE in order to be able to autonomously SCIF access. Even if CSE prioritizes the application, I imagine there is still multiple steps to train a ComCo etc.

So moving along, at the usual snail's pace of government. I asked CSE to organize indoctrinations, waiting to hear on that, and plan to book a meeting with them to see if there is an interim solution [REDACTED] as the bureaucracy moves forward.

So I haven't given up, we still need the access as a priority, and I am hoping my stubbornness and contacts in the S&I community help...

Enjoy this lovely weather.

Carmen



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