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Subject: Secret and TS access - update and a little progress!
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Good afternoon,

I have finally made a little progress on the secure access.

I spoke with EC [REDACTED] in IS earlier this week.

Highlights followed by the action below:

1. Secret access – imminent!

EC [REDACTED] noted that [REDACTED] just got their GCSI terminal functioning. [REDACTED] are just waiting on the printer. EC [REDACTED] sent the email below to get user accounts for me and Mylene.

EC [REDACTED] noted that they got it installed quickly because the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (Still no luck in getting same information for [REDACTED]).

- It is my understanding and that of EC [REDACTED] that Elections will have no access to our communications on that system, which is a CSE designed system delivered by Shared Services Canada. We will review the user agreement with Legal Services and we can sent protocol in place if necessary.

2. TS access

EC [REDACTED] agrees we need the access to TS and is supportive in principle of us making the case for a SCIF. I mentioned our challenge in identifying volume and regularity of documents and he noted that this does not concern EC [REDACTED]. Our case is on timeliness and importance of reporting ie. The risk of not receiving or not receiving on time.

-He noted that if CSE determines that [REDACTED] is not suitable, it would be incumbent on Elections as our SLA to find a solution at [REDACTED]. This would need to be before a business case is finalized as it affects cost.

-I noted that we are having trouble getting fidelity on CTSN terminals in the vicinity even as a stop gap solution. Ideally a partner (not too politically sensitive partner) has a kiosk and gives us access as a stop gap solution until we can build our case, get \$\$ and install, if all goes well. Since this usually takes 3 years.

Next steps we agreed on:

EC [REDACTED] offered to help me with the survey issue and sent two emails today. One to [REDACTED] operations and one to [REDACTED] to try to find a CTSN in the vicinity. It would be incumbent on us to convince them to share the system.

EC [REDACTED] offered to grant us GSCI accounts at [REDACTED]. This is a great and rapid first step! The re will be training needed.

-We will need to seek an assessment from CSE on [REDACTED] for GCSI or or SCIF, so better to do it for both and use that in our decision-making. I am not sure of the steps to

that but will look into it.

As a final aside, Brahim, Christina, Jean-Michel and I had a preliminary meeting to discuss whether there is any concern with security/independence or any perception of such a concern, in the event we leverage a partner's system. No apparent security/independence risk as the communications are not visible to the partner, and only CSE has audit [REDACTED]. This would be confirmed in writing prior to proceeding. Perception will depend on the partner and we all agree, the least political the better. Will require an assessment and a risk analysis for decision if and when we find partners we can approach and hopefully amenable.

I am pleased something has unblocked and when I mentioned to Bo that we should have Secret access soon he was enthusiastic. This would allow us to start receiving analytical products and some reports. It also necessitates our structure for compartmentalizing that info, which I will work on as a priority. The access will be kept to Mylene and myself and no intel given to any investigative personnel. We have the ability to print and brief senior management.

Have a good weekend all.

Carmen

From: EC [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 24, 2023 1:41 PM
To: EC [REDACTED]
Cc: Boucher, Carmen OCCE [REDACTED]
Subject: GCSI next steps

Hi EC [REDACTED]

Now that we actually have a working printer and are confirmed what we can do for our colleagues at CCE for GCSI, please reach out as need be to Carmen to get them access and have whatever GCSI forms are required filled in.

Key points:

- Users will be limited to Carmen Boucher and Mylène Gigou (as per their request – other users may be needed in the future)
- Develop a will call procedure to allow Carmen and Mylène to gain access to the GCSI room as needed during regular business hours
- Ensure procedures are shared with IT Sec team as they are collocated with the GCSI terminal

Let me know if you need to discuss.

Thanks

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