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Press release

The GACEQ, SigmaSanté, and the GAC de l'OUEST (the three GACs) are prepared to rise to the challenge set by the Government of Quebec and will be actively involved in optimizing public spending to the benefit of all Quebecers

During the tabling of the Quebec budget on March 21, 2019, Minister of Finance Éric Girard announced the creation of the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales (CAG). According to the Quebec government, the new organization will be responsible for “the consolidated procurement of acquisitions and services for ministries and public organizations under government administration, the health and social services networks (RSSS), and the education and higher education networks.”

Under the authority of the Secrétariat du Conseil du trésor, the CAG will consolidate, as of January 2020, the three RSSS joint procurement groups, the Centre de services partagés du Québec (CSPQ), and the education network procurement groups.

Putting the expertise and exemplary nature of procurement groups to the benefit of the regions
Given the effectiveness of the three GACs and their ability to foster a large proportion of consolidated purchases, the new CAG will be based on their current operations. According to the government's expense management strategy, it will “consolidate existing jobs in the region.” The CAG will be supported by regional initiatives set up by the group procurement organizations within the RSSS. . . . It will be mandated to maintain acquisition processes centred on the participation of experts in the products and services present in Quebec.”

“As the executive directors of the three GACs in the RSSS, this announcement reflects the exemplary practices of the procurement groups and our employees' unique skills. We are prepared to rise to the government's challenge and look forward to working with the CAG's new partners. We will be able to share our expertise to strengthen the optimization of public spending to the benefit of all Quebecers.”

Until this new organization is set up, the GACs will continue to fulfill their roles and provide their full range of services. The activities and operations of our suppliers and other partners, as well as their timelines, remain the same. Customer service is a top priority. We will keep you informed on an ongoing basis of upcoming changes and how the transition process is advancing for our partners.

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The three joint procurement groups are recognized by the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux as non-profit corporations serving Quebec health and social services institutions to govern, administer, and manage, in accordance with the law, goods and services procurement within the RSSS. (Act Respecting Contracting by Public Bodies, chapter C-65.1).

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