

Professional Services

The largest independent accounting firm in Québec chooses colocating with Cologix as an antidote to the unpredictable technology landscape

Founded in 1948, Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton (RCGT) is an international accounting and consulting leader that employs more than 2,400 employees spread across 100 offices throughout the province of Québec. To support a staff of that size and avoid being bound to the limitations of its central office, RCGT transitioned its critical IT infrastructure from on-premise to colocating within Cologix's data centre. As a result, the company is able to commit its focus toward its core business and no longer manage its own air conditioners, generators, security and other physical aspects of an IT deployment.

Cologix's future-proofing opportunities and premium colocation space made them the ideal partner.



“The Cologix data centre was **the most fitting for our needs** in terms of the location, price and enterprise-grade infrastructure that **ranks on the high end** of the scale. Cologix colocation means we no longer worry about data centre management, and we can **concentrate on doing our best.**”

— Philippe Rivest, Director of IT Operations, RCGT

Requirements & Challenges

- Resilient Montreal colocation facility for no IT infrastructure power or cooling failures
- 24/7 access to secure, monitored data centre
- Neutral connectivity to a multitude of network providers

Solution

- Fully-redundant infrastructure to negate downtime risk
- Seamless access to 75+ unique network carriers
- First-class service with dexterous, 24/7 technical support

Where Networks Connect



Colocation &
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“Looking forward, our ideal IT environment enables RCGT to adapt to and prepare for the changing technology market. We selected Cologix for its long-standing reputation for reliability, but also to ensure we’re prepared for future IT needs with additional space, power and access to a wide range of service providers. Cologix’s network neutrality enables a robust ecosystem of network carriers and cloud service providers. As the enterprise IT landscape changes, we are confident we will adapt based on the abundance of service provider options Cologix offers in Montreal.”

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Results:

RCGT moved its critical infrastructure to Cologix’s Montreal data centre to capture the following improvements:

A Well-Conceived Data Centre Facility

RCGT found Cologix’s enterprise-grade MTL4 data centre at 7171 Jean-Talon is equipped with all of the company’s requirements, making a match on electrical capacity, redundancy, and physical layout, with room to evolve and expand. The company has the necessary space to transition machines in and out, and expand its footprint as RCGT’s needs change in the coming years.

Network Agility

As RCGT uses multiple network providers, the company has mandated resilient connectivity and agnostic network access in its deployments, making network choice an important criterion for its long-term colocation provider. With Cologix, the company gains network neutral access to more than 75 unique network carriers with two fibre entrances into the building for diverse, redundant connectivity access. This agility allows RCGT to move from one provider to another freely, without worrying about the logistics of getting a provider in or out of the building.

Deferred Disruption

Due to the layered redundancy on all critical data centre equipment, including 2N upgraded uninterruptible power systems on top of three backup generators, RCGT hasn’t had to worry about maintenance downtime or power outages. The MTL4 data centre is also about 20 kilometers from downtown to enable disaster recovery/business continuity functionality with feeds from separate power grids.

Impressed by the Process

Leading up to the colocation contract with Cologix, RCGT was very impressed by the process itself, with an exceedingly professional Cologix staff leaving RCGT with the feeling it was in good hands. Cologix never fails to help the RCGT staff and is always available on-call and on-site when needed for fast, efficient technical support without a wait. RCGT reports the Cologix staff does an outstanding job, providing an elevated skillset and going the extra mile to help as needed, including enabling installations in a timely manner.

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