

# Case study | Canada Border Services Agency Detention Program

## Public-private partnership for optimized security

Under the Canada's Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA) Act, the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) is empowered with the right to arrest, detain and remove permanent residents and foreign nationals who are found to be inadmissible to Canada. On July 2015, the CBSA contracted GardaWorld to provide detention and transportation services in the Metro Vancouver Area.

The CBSA has contracted GardaWorld operational managers, assistant operational managers, shift supervisors and security guards for the Detention Program. All of them hold a BC Security License and have received an extensive training program, including First Aid and CPR certification, Detainee Transport Security Officer Training and Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Training.

The scope of work includes but is not necessarily limited to:

- Care and control of persons detained at the British Columbia Immigration Holding Centre (BCIHC), Vancouver International Airport, and in the day cells at Library Square, downtown Vancouver;
- Management and provision of the safe and secure transportation of detainees and their personal effects to and from the BCIHC and other locations;
- Detainee escort through the process that culminates in their departure from Canada.

GardaWorld embodies an all-hands on deck approach, ensuring the safety and security of detainees is maintained at all times. GardaWorld has numerously demonstrated the ability to transport detainees from remote areas and the CBSA is currently expanding GardaWorld' scope of work throughout British Columbia and the Yukon Territory.

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