



Crash Cash:

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Texas Gave \$1.8 Million To Obamacare IT Firm

Governor Oops, Health Secretary Oops and CGI Group Oops

A year after Obamacare’s birth, a fierce critic of the program inadvertently helped sabotage it by awarding \$1.8 million in Texas taxpayer funds to subsidize Montreal-based CGI Group. This technology firm incubated by Governor Perry was the lead contractor producing the bug-infested software that crippled Obamacare’s rollout.

When Governor Perry went to Belton in 2011 to announce a \$1.8 million Texas Enterprise Fund grant to CGI he spoke blandly of yet another handout of corporate welfare. “This TEF investment in CGI will create 350 jobs and millions in capital investment,” a Perry [press release](#) quoted him saying.

By the time the next presidential primary rolls around, this rhetoric may get jazzed up considerably. After all, while national attention riveted on Canadian-born Ted Cruz, a Canadian firm quietly recruited and subsidized by Governor Perry derailed Obamacare to an extent that Cruz only dreamed of.

N'est-ce pas? •

Top CGI Recipients Since 2004

Amount	Recipient
\$6,500	Comptroller Susan Combs
\$6,000	*Speaker Joe Straus
\$5,100	Attorney General Greg Abbott
\$5,000	*Governor Rick Perry
\$5,000	*Texas Republican Party
\$2,500	Sen. Leticia Van De Putte
\$2,000	*Republican Party of Texas
\$1,750	Rep. Ralph E. Sheffield, Jr.
\$1,500	Rep. James R. Pitts
\$1,250	Sen. Troy Fraser
\$1,100	House Cand. Steven Nguyen
\$1,000	Rep. Tom Craddick
\$1,000	Sen. Robert L. Duncan
\$1,000	Sen. Jane Nelson
\$1,000	Sen. Judith Zaffirini

CGI corporate, PAC and employee funds.
*Recipients closely tied to Enterprise Fund.