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Dear Mike

At a recent meeting of my Chairman's Sub-committee the opportunity arose to discuss the relative merits of possible locations for the Scottish Executive Secretary's office. The committee reached the unanimous conclusion that the office should be situated where it will be of greatest benefit to the members, and that Glasgow, the historical and spiritual centre of the Institution in Scotland, should now become the physical centre. We also thought that you would find it helpful if we set out the points in favour of Glasgow prior to our meeting on the 24 November. These are attached for your information.

It would be beneficial if the East of Scotland Association were able to provide a similar document in support of their preferred option. I have therefore copied this to Fraser Smith in the hope that he will be able to co-ordinate this before 24 November.

Please be assured that while we wish to inform you of the advantages of locating in Glasgow, we will fully support your final decision on office location and will continue to work with our colleagues in the East to ensure that this venture is a success.

Regards

Garry

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The Case for Glasgow  
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at the meeting in Glasgow 24.11.99  
The decision: for Glasgow ✓

The paper + case was prepared  
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**THE INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR SCOTLAND**

**PROPOSED OFFICE**

**THE CASE FOR GLASGOW**

by JAMCafferty.

**Glasgow, The Heart of The Institution in Scotland**

- Glasgow & West of Scotland, founded in 1884, is first among the Local Associations.
- Glasgow & West of Scotland was the Institution of Civil Engineers in Scotland until 1938 when Edinburgh & East of Scotland was founded as a separate Association.
- Glasgow & West of Scotland has an unmatched record of participation in Institution affairs in general and plays the leading role in Scotland through its involvement in, and organisation of, the following:-

The Scottish External Affairs Newsletter, which is sent quarterly to all MP's and MSP's.

The Graduates and Students Stirling Conference attended by G&S's from all over Scotland and further afield.

The Graduates and Students Annual Business Seminar.

The Graduates and Students Christmas Luncheon.

The Tom Howie Award competed for by students from the four Universities in the Glasgow Area.

The Annual Dinner in Glasgow, attended by around 800 people each year is, by a very wide margin, the most significant event in the ICE social calendar in Scotland.

The Annual Summer Meeting held at venues throughout Scotland attended by the incoming President, the Chief Executive and the Chairman and others from the East of Scotland Association.

The Technical Meetings programme in Glasgow is consistently well supported with an average attendance of 60 to 70 members.

- Glasgow and West of Scotland plays a very significant role in Institution affairs through its extensive membership of Committees, Boards and Panels and the large numbers of its members who serve on Council.
- Glasgow and the West of Scotland have produced a significant number of Presidents and Vice-Presidents of The Institution, not least among whom is Thomas Telford our first President.
- It should not go unnoticed that Professor Bill Barr, another of our members, has, for many years, been a very active Chairman of Thomas Telford Ltd.

## **Glasgow, Leaders of The Institutions**

- Evidence of the current strength, influence and importance of Institution activity in Glasgow is amply demonstrated by recent and current Presidential appointments held by the following members of the Glasgow & West of Scotland Association.

Prof George Fleming	President, The Institution of Civil Engineers
Prof Sam Thorburn	Past President, The Institution of Structural Engineers
Alan Craig	Vice President, The Institution of Highways and Transportation
Ronnie Falconer	Vice President, The Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management
Bob McKittrick	Vice President, The Institution of Structural Engineers

Although not a member of ICE, it is also significant that Prof John Spence of Strathclyde University is immediate Past President, The Institution of Mechanical Engineers.

## **Glasgow, The Heart of the Profession**

- It is fundamentally important that the Executive Secretary should be based at the heart of the profession in Scotland. The following statistics show that Glasgow is at the heart of the profession in Scotland:-

There are 3000 members based in the Glasgow area, by far the largest concentration of members in Scotland and almost half the total membership in Scotland.

Glasgow has 3 times as many ICE registered employers as Edinburgh.

Glasgow has 3.5 times as many ICE registered trainees as Edinburgh.

## **Glasgow, The Centre for Engineering and Development**

- Engineering Institutions and other relevant organisations based, or centred largely, in the Glasgow area include:-

The Institution of Electrical Engineers  
The Institution of Mechanical Engineers  
The Institution of Engineers & Shipbuilders in Scotland  
The Institution of Structural Engineers  
The Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB)  
The Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers (CIBSE)  
The Concrete Society  
The Scottish Engineering Council  
Scottish Engineering  
The Scottish Engineering Centre  
The Centre for the Built Environment  
The Scottish Construction Industry Group (SCIG)  
The Scottish Construction Environment Group (SCEG)  
The Association of Consulting Engineers (ACE)  
The Civil Engineering Contractors Association (Scotland) (CECA)  
The Scottish Building Contractors Association (SBCA)  
The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

The Confederation of British Industry (CBI)  
Scottish Enterprise  
The Scottish Council Development & Industry (SCDI)  
Scottish Trade International  
Locate in Scotland

**Proximity to these organisations will create opportunities for synergy that cannot be replicated elsewhere.**

### **Glasgow, at the Heart of Scotland**

- Half the population of Scotland is within a 30 minute drive of the centre of Glasgow.
- Glasgow is the centre of The Media in Scotland (Newspapers, Radio and TV).
- The biggest concentration of MSP's is in and around Glasgow.
- Glasgow is home to one of the two most important Government Ministries for the Construction Industry ``Enterprise and Lifelong Learning``, Minister Henry McLeish.

### **Glasgow, The Centre of Civil Engineering Education**

- The Glasgow area has the highest concentration of Universities teaching accredited C Eng and I Eng degrees in Scotland.
- Glasgow University is the oldest Department of Civil Engineering in Britain, established 1840.
- Strathclyde University and Glasgow Caledonian University have just secured European funding to establish "The Centre for the Built Environment". This has the stated aim as acting as a "bridge" between academia and the construction industry and will act as the secretariat for SCIG.
- There are strong links between the Glasgow Universities and the Institution. The current Association chairman is an academic and eight past chairmen were academics. The current President is an academic from the University of Strathclyde.

### **Glasgow, Accommodation and Communications**

- Glasgow has a broad range of excellent office accommodation available at significantly lower rental and total cost than Edinburgh.
- There is a good possibility of sharing office accommodation with Scottish Engineering, from whom we could learn much about political and business contacts and lobbying.
- There is a longer term possibility of obtaining accommodation at The Scottish Engineering Centre, the heart of learned society activity in Scotland.
- The Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh is only 45 mins by train from Central Glasgow.
- There are excellent means of communication by road, rail and air between Glasgow and all the major regions and cities in Scotland.
- Apart from communication with Ayr and Dumfries, which are closer to Glasgow, travelling time from Glasgow or Edinburgh to the other regions and cities is similar.