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# WIKILEAKS SAYS THAT AMAZON IS ACTUALLY A DEMOCRAT SPY OPERATION SUPPORTED BY THE CIA

FROM WIKILEAKS: Today, 11 October 2018, WikiLeaks publishes a "Highly Confidential" internal document from the cloud computing provider Amazon. The document from late 2015 lists the addresses and some operational details of over one hundred data centers spread across fifteen cities in nine countries. To accompany this document, WikiLeaks also created a map showing where Amazon's data centers are [located](#).

Amazon, which is the largest cloud provider, is notoriously secretive about the precise locations of its data centers. While a few are publicly tied to Amazon, this is the exception rather than the norm. More often, Amazon operates out of data centers owned by other companies with little indication that Amazon itself is based there too or runs its own data centers under less-identifiable subsidiaries such as VaData, Inc. In some cases, Amazon uses pseudonyms to obscure its presence. For example, at its IAD77 data center, the [document states](#) that "Amazon is known as 'Vandalay Industries' on badges and all correspondence with building manager".

Amazon is the leading cloud provider for the United States intelligence community. In 2013, Amazon entered into a \$600 million [contract with the CIA](#) to build a cloud for use by intelligence agencies working with information classified as Top Secret. Then, in 2017, Amazon announced the [AWS Secret Region](#), which allows storage of data classified up to the Secret level by a broader range of agencies and companies. Amazon also operates a special [GovCloud region](#) for US Government agencies hosting unclassified information.

Currently, Amazon is one of the leading contenders for an up to [\\$10 billion contract](#) to build a private cloud for the Department of Defense. Amazon is one of the only companies with the certifications required to host classified data in the cloud. The Defense Department is looking for a single provider and other companies, including [Oracle](#) and [IBM](#), have complained that the requirements unfairly favor Amazon. Bids on this contract are [due tomorrow](#).