



Letter of Intent (LOI)

This Letter of Intent (LOI), issued on November 23th, 2022, by the Tunnelling Association of Canada (TAC), located at 1 Eglinton Ave. E., Suite 705, Toronto, ON, M4P 3A1, Canada to: JPdL International (JPdL) a Quebec incorporation, located at 1555 Peel St., Suite 500, Montreal QC, H3A 3L8, Canada.

This LOI outlines the Background and Conditions between TAC and JPdL in the preparation of a bid and future agreement in the event Canada (TAC) is chosen to host the World Tunnel Congress in May 2026 (WTC2026), at the Palais des Congrès de Montréal (PdC).

Background

- A. TAC is the official Member Nation Representative (MN) of Canada to the ITA. The TAC Board of Directors has selected Montreal to host the WTC2026, in the event, Canada is selected as the host nation.
- B. TAC has selected PdC as the venue to host the WTC2026 from May 16 to 20, 2026, and has secured the venue with an LOI with PdC.
- C. In May of 2022, TAC issued an Expression of Interest (EOI) to the ITA to host the WTC2026. The TAC EOI was accepted and approved by the ITA, to permit TAC to prepare full bid for the WTC2026.
- D. ITA also approved a second EOI from South Africa, with Cape Town as the host city for the WTC2026. Canada (TAC) is in a competition with South Africa.
- E. TAC issued a "Call for Tender" – Professional Congress Organizer (PCO) document, as well as, the general requirements of the ITA to host the World Tunnel Congress.
- F. JPdL responded to TAC's Call for Tender with its proposal of Aug 13, 2022.
- G. This LOI, confirms the decision of TAC to appoint JPdL, as the Professional Congress Organizer (PCO) for the WTC2026 Congress, if Canada is successfully selected by the ITA to host the WTC2026.
- H. The decision to award the WTC2026, will be voted by the ITA Member Nations at the ITA General Assembly (GA) of the WTC2023 in Athens Greece, May 17, 2023.
- I. If Canada (TAC) is successfully awarded the WTC2026, TAC will enter into an agreement with the ITA. TAC will then enter into agreement with its PCO and PdC for the implementation of the WTC2026.



- J. In the event the award date is postponed, the LOI will continue to stay in effect until an award of the WTC2026 takes place.

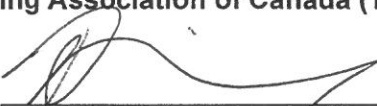
Conditions

1. JPdL agrees to support TACs bid by supplying the services and information required to complete the bid document in light of the presentation scheduled to take place at the WTC in Athens in May of 2023.
2. Services are defined as the preparation of a preliminary budget, and providing information at the disposal of TAC and PdC, to provide advice in preparation of the bid for the WTC2026.
3. JPdL will assign a senior member of their management team to attend the **WTC2025(Stockholm) Congress** as a member of Team TAC, to act as an observer to gain knowledge how to execute a WTC.
4. JPdL will consider all time and cost of internal resources needed to fulfill the bid requirements, as an investment and will thus not charge a fee to TAC. This includes the cost of travel and accommodations for the staff member attending the bid presentation, regardless of bid outcome.
5. Any additional expenses from third-party vendors required to fulfill the bidding process will be presented to TAC and incurred only if mutually approved (i.e., promotional video, booth materials, marketing collateral, etc.)
6. Neither TAC nor JPdL, shall disclose to any unauthorized person, any information that is supplied or obtained in the course of their activities under the present LOI.
7. Documents forming an internal part of this LOI:
 - a. **TAC:** Call for Tender Professional Conference Organizer (PCO)
 - b. **ITA:** By-Laws 2021, WTC Planning Guidelines
 - c. **JPdL:** Proposal of Services Aug 13, 2022, Draft Conditions of Contract 16 Sept 2022
8. The Parties shall mutually contribute and take part in any, and all phases of the planning, development and execution of the ITA-AITES World Tunnel Congress 2026 to the fullest extent possible, based on the forthcoming budgeted services which will be mutually agreed upon leading into the preparation of the final bid document.
9. The LOI shall in no way bind either Party to supply funds for the planning, development, participation, and presentation of the TAC WTC2026 bid.
10. This Agreement shall commence on November 23, 2022 and will continue until the completion of the signed PCO contract between TAC and JPdL.




All Parties agree that this LOI shall be governed by the laws of Ontario, Canada.

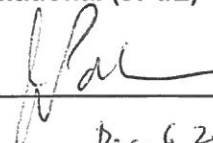
**Bruce Downing, President
Tunnelling Association of Canada (TAC)**

Signed: 
Date: Dec 9, 2022

**André Rancourt, WTC2026 Chairman, and Vice President East
Tunnelling Association of Canada (TAC)**

Signed:  2022-12-09
Date: _____

**Jean-Paul de Lavison, President
JPdL International (JPdL)**

Signed: 
Date: Dec 6 2022