May 20, 2016

Mayor John Tory  
Office of the Mayor  
City Hall, 2nd Floor  
100 Queen St. West  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Mayor Tory:

Re: Canada’s EXPO 2025 Bid

We the undersigned coalition of business leaders in the construction, design and infrastructure sectors are writing to encourage you and all City Council members to support Canada’s proposed EXPO 2025 bid.

EXPO events enable host countries to define themselves on a global stage, showcasing their talent, ingenuity and culture. EXPO 2025 Canada will give our nation an excellent opportunity to punch above our weight, leveraging our assets to host the world and celebrate the very best in human endeavour. Toronto’s Port Lands is widely regarded as the ideal hosting site. An innovative and sustainable development model would be a dynamic catalyst for the Toronto region. EXPOs have a far larger attendance than other international events, including the Olympic Games, in part because this event spans six months creating long-term economic benefits and giving the host city a global cultural legacy.

We recognize that there will be challenges to hosting this event, but this region’s positive experience with the 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games proves that we have the capability to stage a large scale event. Our shared success has always hinged on partnership and collaboration and we believe that by working together with other orders of government, we can develop a compelling bid submission.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

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cc: City Council Members