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**From:** John Reilly [jjreils@attglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2009 7:25 AM  
**To:** Paananen, Ron  
**Cc:** Brenda Bohlke  
**Subject:** Re: Rapid Excavation and Tunneling Conference Opportunity

Great - let's get our messages well crafted.

Regards, John Reilly  
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----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Paananen, Ron](#)  
**To:** [Reilly, John](#)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2009 6:21 AM  
**Subject:** Fw: Rapid Excavation and Tunneling Conference Opportunity

Looks like we are in

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**From:** Paananen, Ron  
**To:** Larsen, Chad  
**Cc:** White, John  
**Sent:** Wed May 13 05:18:15 2009  
**Subject:** Fw: Rapid Excavation and Tunneling Conference Opportunity

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**From:** Dye, Dave  
**To:** Paananen, Ron; Lenzi, Jerry C  
**Sent:** Tue May 12 21:24:37 2009  
**Subject:** Re: Rapid Excavation and Tunneling Conference Opportunity

Ron - I think you, John White and whoever your tunnel cm is should go...get the request in asap and we'll move it along - Viva Las Vegas!

-dave

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**From:** Paananen, Ron  
**To:** Dye, Dave; Lenzi, Jerry C  
**Sent:** Tue May 12 21:17:45 2009  
**Subject:** FW: Rapid Excavation and Tunneling Conference Opportunity

Contained below is some information is information related to a conference in Las Vegas in June. This would be a great opportunity to do some outreach to the tunneling contracting community. I suggest two or three members from the project team travel to give an update on the tunnel project and contract strategies.

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**From:** Bohlke, Brenda (Consultant)  
**Sent:** Tue 5/12/2009 4:59 PM

**To:** Preedy, Matt; White, John; Greco, Theresa; Everett, Susan; 'Abbott@pbworld.com'; Paananen, Ron  
**Cc:** Reilly, John; 'harveyparker@compuserve.com'  
**Subject:** Rapid Excavation and Tunneling Conference Opportunity

The Rapid Excavation and Tunneling Conference ( aka RETC), organized by the underground construction contractor community, has been held every other year in North America since the late 1970s and attracts over 1400 participants, 150 exhibitors. An extensive program lasting four days includes short courses, field trips, key note speakers, and the latest information and lessons learned from tunneling projects around the globe. The topics cover contracting practices, methods of construction, case histories from urban tunneling, rural tunneling, submarine tunneling, and mountainous terrain; hard rock, soft ground and mixed face, difficult ground conditions, ground conditioners, pressure face machine performance and metrics, planning, estimating, scheduling and all other relevant topics.

The timing of this year's conference is particularly fortuitous and is early opportunity to have the world's tunnel contractor community available to learn who and what makes the project either attractive to bid or not. The update on the project would provide the extra time to the various firms looking to team, to recognize the potential partners needed to pursue the AWV tunnel job. Given the compressed schedule and rush to publish an RFQ late this summer, I strongly recommend that representatives of the project attend and have both a learning opportunity, and the networking, project promotional opportunity as well as present the procurement philosophy and process and to promote the Alaskan Way deep bore tunnel.

The website for the full program can be found on [www.RETC.ORG](http://www.RETC.ORG)

This year the conference is scheduled for June 14-18 in Las Vegas. The venue is Cesaer's Palace but less expensive accommodations are available on the internet and flights are reasonable these days.

If there is anything we can do to help, please let me know.

Brenda M. Bohlke  
Chair of the Underground Construction Association  
UCA of SME  
(SME is the sponsoring parent organization for RETC)