

JICT Decides to Support the Development and Operation of a Data Center Business in the United States

Fund Corporation for the Overseas Development of Japan's ICT and Postal Services Inc. (hereinafter "JICT") (Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President & CEO: Amane Oshima) has decided to acquire shares in TC Global Investments Americas LLC (hereinafter "TC GIA"), a US subsidiary of Tokyo Century Corporation based in Chicago (hereinafter "TC") (Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President & CEO: Koji Fujiwara) and participate in a project to develop and operate data centers in Chicago, jointly undertaken by TC and the NTT Group. On January 20, 2026, the Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications approved JICT support for the project to a maximum of 340 million US dollars. The project aims to provide a suite of services for data centers from operation to maintenance and management in the United States.

In recent years, demand has been growing worldwide for digital infrastructure that is safe, reliable, sustainable and resilient. Demand for data centers is growing especially rapidly, and this market is expected to continue to expand globally. As Japanese companies seek to strengthen international competitiveness, reduce overreliance on foreign vendors, and address concerns about economic security, capturing this demand to secure growth in this sector is viewed as essential.

In its Medium-Term Management Plan 2027 (Fiscal 2023–Fiscal 2027), TC has set a target of 100 billion yen in net profit centered on international operations, which include the data-center business. The company is working to expand this business domain through its partnership with NTT Group. TC positions its overseas data-center business as a pillar of its joint operations with NTT Group and is expected to enjoy further expansion in the North American and Asia-Pacific regions.

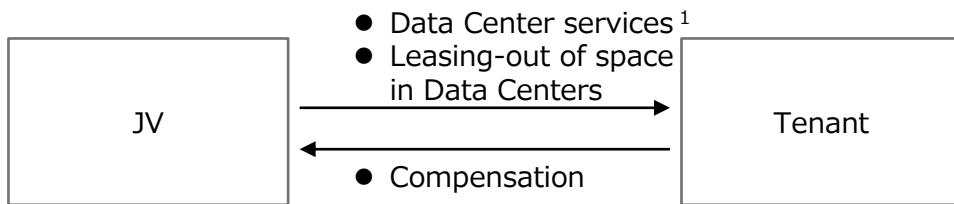
One issue facing companies entering the data-center space is the steep initial investment required. Currently, it remains difficult for private-sector finance alone to provide the necessary large amounts of risk capital sustainably and reliably over the long term. Under these conditions, by supplying risk capital over the long term, based on a neutral perspective and medium-to-long-term horizon, JICT is providing a highly effective solution for TC's needs. Through this investment, JICT is supporting TC's efforts to bolster its competitive position in the United States. Its participation is further expected to contribute to the stable and sustainable upgrading and operation of digital infrastructure by TC and NTT Group, thereby strengthening the international competitiveness and economic security of Japanese companies and contributing to the reduction of Japan's "digital deficit."

JICT will continue to support the development of overseas operations of Japanese enterprises in the fields of communications, broadcasting and postal services.

Outline of JICT's financing support

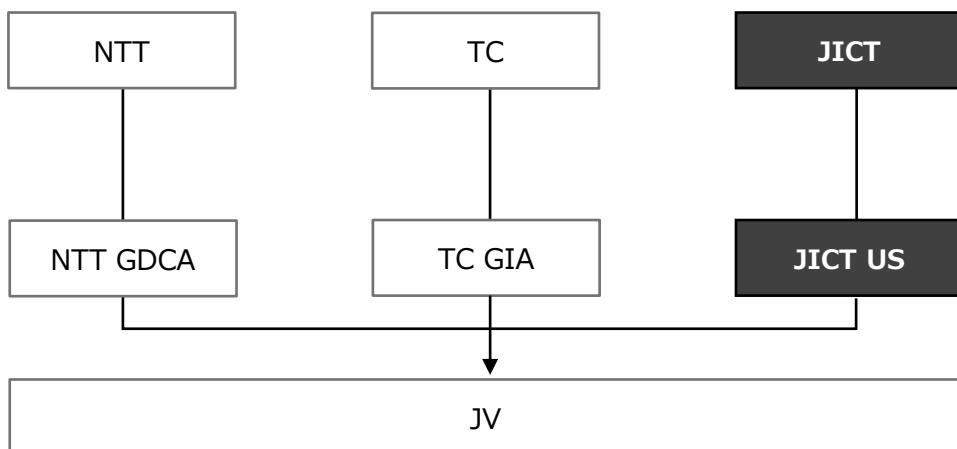
- 1 Target business: Data-center upgrading and operation business in the United States
- 2 Target country: United States
- 3 Approved amount of support to be supplied by JICT: Maximum of 340 million US dollars
- 4 Joint funding partner: TC GIA / NTT Global Data Centers Americas, Inc. (NTT GDCA)
- 5 Timing of execution: March 2026 (Planned)

Schematic view of business



¹ Examples: Provision, maintenance, and management of leased space; environmental control; monitoring and reporting, etc.

Investment scheme²



² This overview of the investment scheme is simplified.