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Highlights of 2016-2017:

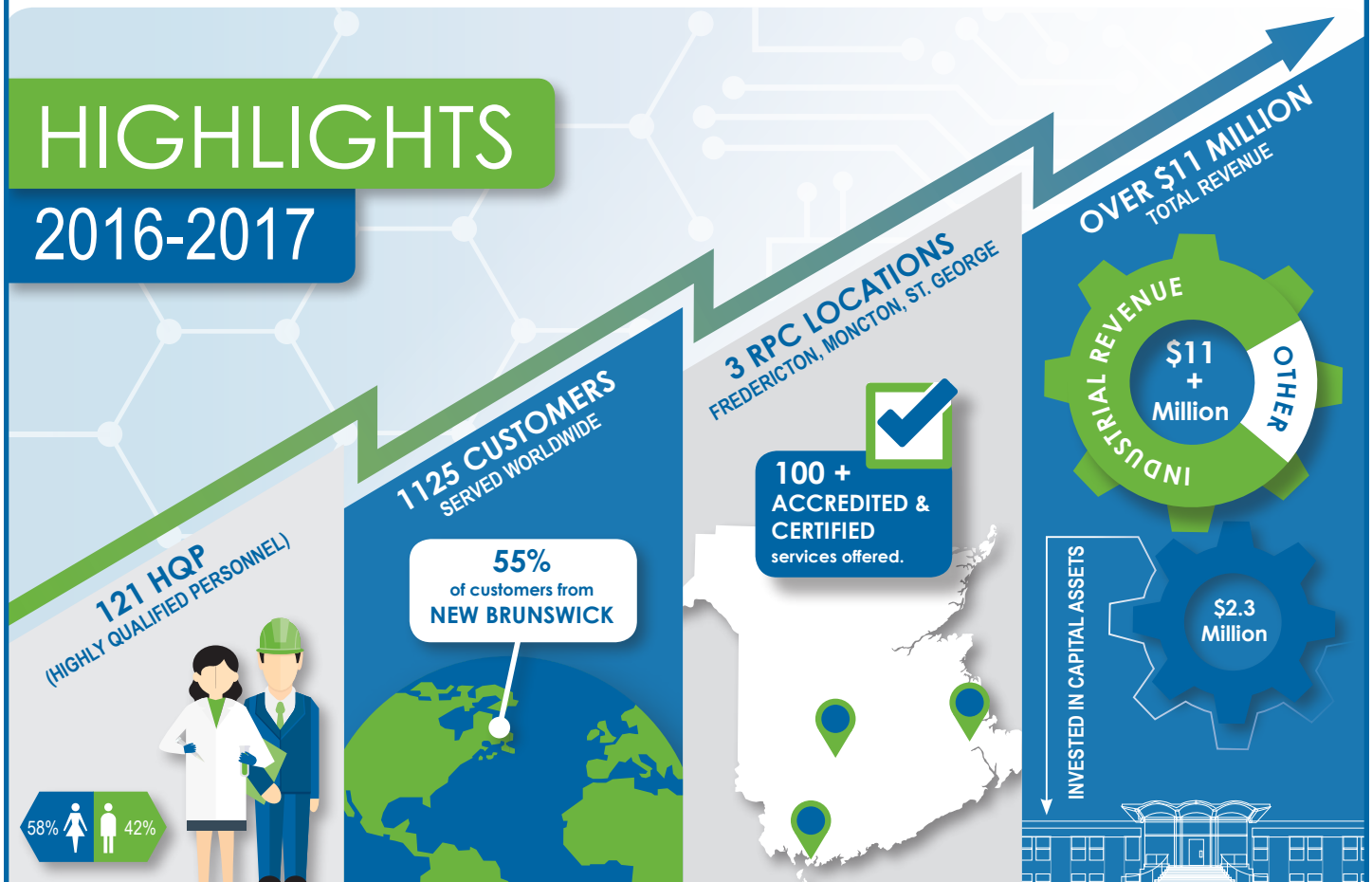
RPC's 55th year of Service as New Brunswick's Provincial Research Organization

October 5, 2017, Fredericton, NB - One word aptly describes RPC's 2016-2017 year: Growth. There was growth in all measures of RPC's performance. As highlighted in the infographic below, there was growth in the number of employees to 121, up from 96 in 2016. Driving this was growth in the number of clients at 1125, up from just over 1000 in 2016. During the year RPC added a third location, the St. George lab specializing in fish health and aquaculture services. RPC's sales revenue grew an impressive 15% to exceed \$11 million. We also grew our investment in capital assets with a substantial \$2.3 million investment. We are grateful to our funding partners for their support.

We saw substantial growth in services where RPC is a leader including environmental chemistry, cannabis testing, air quality and fish health services. RPC's growth included the addition of new services such as aquatic toxicity, and milk testing. RPC also benefited from substantial growth in our automation services.

"It was a remarkable year for RPC," noted Eric Cook, Executive Director of RPC. "We are proud to have welcomed 25 new employees," said Cook. "We are also pleased with the \$2.3 million investment in capital assets. Combined with the \$1.7 M invested in 2016, we have invested \$4 million in capital over the past 2 years. This is per our strategic plan, and is an essential investment in RPC's future."

RPC's board recently reviewed the results which will be included in the annual report to be released later this month.



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About RPC

RPC is New Brunswick's provincial research organization (PRO), a research and technology organization (RTO) with locations in Fredericton, Moncton, and St. George, NB. RPC's complement of 135 scientists, engineers, technologists and support staff work from facilities including world-class analytical chemistry and material-testing laboratories, comprehensive life science and fish health laboratories, extensive product development, design, manufacturing and testing areas, and a wide variety of pilot and automation facilities for the development and improvement of industrial and environmental processes and products.

RPC holds over 100 accreditations and certifications including a diverse ISO 17025 scope from the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) and is ISO 9001:2008 certified. Further information about RPC's services is available from www.rpc.ca.

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