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RPC Celebrates 48th Anniversary

Fredericton, April 13, 2010 - RPC recently celebrated its 48th anniversary. On April 13, 1962, the Louis Robichaud government formed RPC with an Act to Establish a Research and Productivity Council, as the science and technical arm of the provincial government. The government realized that attracting high caliber researchers, engineers and technologists would facilitate the New Brunswick economy and established the provincial research organization (PRO) with this mandate. The first permanent staff member, an engineer for industrial services, was appointed in June of 1963. Since then, RPC has grown to a team of 98 highly qualified professionals and specialists serving over 500 New Brunswick clients annually.

RPC acknowledged the milestone with a staff gathering, cake cutting and recognition of long serving employees including:

Nettie Stewart, 36 years of service
Ross Gilders, 33.75 years of service
Thelma Green, 32.5 years of service
John Capar, 31.25 years of service

Executive Director, Eric Cook, recognized the successful efforts and dedication of the many employees and board members that have helped grow RPC. He went on to note, "Most importantly, we are thankful for the loyalty of our clients who challenge us to provide world-class technical services and applied research."



Above: 1) Louis J. Robichaud turns sod to start the construction of RPC's facility at 921 College Hill Road in May 1964.
2) RPC's 48th anniversary celebratory cake.

About RPC

RPC is New Brunswick's provincial research organization (PRO), an independent contract research and development and technical services organization located in Fredericton, NB. RPC's complement of 98 scientists, engineers and technologists are supported by a 13,000 sq. meter facility housing world-class analytical chemistry and material-testing laboratories, comprehensive life science capabilities, an internationally recognized fish health lab, extensive prototype design, manufacturing and testing services, and a wide variety of pilot facilities for the development and improvement of industrial and environmental processes and products.

RPC is accredited by various organizations including 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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