

REAL PROPERTY IN REAL TIME

THE REAL PROPERTY INSTITUTE OF CANADA (RPIC)
invites you to the 2009 Real Property National Workshop
from **November 24-26, 2009** at the Palais du Congrès
in Gatineau, Quebec.



The RPIC National Workshop is the highlight of Federal Real Property Week (November 23-27, 2009) whose objective is to increase awareness of the importance of real property in support of the federal government's plans and priorities.

Last year's National Workshop theme of "**Building on Performance**" set the stage for a year of immediacy and urgency where the focus is on stimulating Canada's economy in response to the global crisis. Programs like Canada's Economic Action Plan provide hundreds of millions of dollars of investment over a fixed term and this presents the community with tremendous opportunity and challenges. At the same time, several major departments are responding to unprecedented investment in real property outside of economic stimulus funding.

Of course it is not a free-for-all. The Government of Canada has introduced a new expenditure management system and a key pillar of this system is the ongoing assessment of all direct program spending, known as Strategic Reviews. These reviews will place a premium on a close alignment between program spending and government priorities. This is a time for the real property community to work together to not only protect its current funding, but to present a compelling and consistent case that real property should be the recipient of reallocated resources.

This year's theme is "**Real Property in Real Time**". The theme creates an opportunity for the real property community to: unite and take stock of what is working; assess how our people are coping; determine what are the leading tools and approaches to help us move forward; and, to learn how to best navigate these challenging times.

The National Workshop will begin with the Professional Development Day on Tuesday, November 24 and will offer practical, timely and substantive opportunities to build your professional toolkit.

Then comes the two-day Symposium (Wednesday, November 25 and Thursday, November 26) which will offer compelling keynote speakers and dynamic, informative and interactive sessions structured along four streams supporting the "**Real Property in Real Time**" theme:

Stream 1: *Our Greatest Asset: The Real Property People Stream*

Stream 2: *Project Management Excellence Stream*

Stream 3: *Built for Speed: Tools for Success Stream*

Stream 4: *Housing World-Class Science: Modernizing Federal Laboratories Stream*

This year's workshop will be held at the Palais du Congrès in Gatineau, Quebec, just down the street from the beautiful Canadian Museum of Civilization and its Great Hall which will play host to the RPIC Awards Gala. We encourage you to enhance your team's professional development by attending and contributing to this event.

We look forward to collaborating with our real property colleagues from all disciplines and levels of governments, as well as our private sector partners who play a significant role in increasing our effectiveness.

Reserve these dates now, and be sure to bookmark the RPIC website (www.rpic-ibic.ca) for up-to-date information as the program develops.

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