

## Dr. Sethi Remarks

- Good afternoon. I'm Dr. Satinder Sethi, Executive Vice President of RTI Operations.
- On behalf of the RTI International Board of Governors and Executive Leadership Team, I would like to welcome you to the official opening ceremony of the newest building on our campus.
- It gives me great pleasure to stand here in one of the most ambitious projects supporting RTI's commitment to sustainability practices in its operations.
- At four stories and 127,000 square feet, our new building includes approximately 550 offices and workstations for staff members from our Social, Statistical and Environmental Sciences group and the offices of Finance, Contracts, Research Protection and more.
- I see that many of these staff members have joined us here today as we celebrate this exciting new workspace.

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- This new building and the one that stands alongside it are tangible indicators of RTI's willingness to invest in environmental sustainability.
- In 2009, RTI achieved LEED Gold certification for the sister building to the one we are opening today.
- LEED is a third party certification program and the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings.
- We are honored to have received this distinction and are expected to achieve LEED Gold for this new building as well.
- LEED projects are evaluated against a list of 13 environmental impact categories, including climate change, indoor environmental quality, resource depletion, and water intake, among many others.
- The location itself showcases the uniqueness of these LEED buildings with over 20% of the site area being vegetated open space.

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- The building was constructed with wood made using sustainable forestry practices and the interior doors and millwork are all rapidly renewable bamboo veneer.
- Carpet and flooring were sourced locally and made from mostly recycled materials.
- These are just a few of the visible features of our new building. What is not so visible is the savings anticipated from this new high performing building.
- These include expected energy cost savings of 25% bolstered by programmable heating, cooling, and lighting systems and automatic and adjustable LED lighting.
- Potable water use will be reduced by 35% through the installation of low-flow plumbing fixtures throughout the building.
- These and other savings that we will achieve demonstrate how our new LEED buildings not only benefit our environment, but also our business.

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- Construction projects of this scale and complexity require an extreme amount of dedication, and I would like to thank our Facility Strategic Services team for their hard work to make this building a reality. I also want to thank Duke Construction and our partners for doing such a fine job.
- And now, to tell us more about RTI's commitment to sustainability, I am honored to introduce RTI International's President and Chief Executive Officer Dr. Victoria Franchetti Haynes. Dr. Haynes...

[Dr. Haynes takes the podium]

## Dr. Haynes Remarks

- Thank you. And thank you to all of you who have come to help us celebrate this important milestone for RTI International as we officially open our newest building.
- For more than 50 years, RTI has been a science and technology leader, helping our clients address the world's most complex social and scientific challenges in fields ranging from health and education to environmental science, renewable energy research, and international development.
- As a leader in these fields, we are committed to using our scientific knowledge, technical expertise, and business acumen to help our clients implement forward-looking sustainability and environmental stewardship practices.
- To ensure we live up to this commitment—and to serve as a leader and role model—we are taking steps to reduce our environmental impact and use of natural resources.

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- Sustainability is simply the right thing to do—economically and socially—and it is being integrated into our operations and business practices.
- Our sustainability efforts involve identifying where we need to be more efficient, developing strategies for reductions and savings, and educating and involving RTI staff in our efforts.
- Our commitment to sustainability is evident in a number of programs ranging from providing monthly transit subsidies for staff members using public transportation and hosting a community-supported agriculture program, to retrofitting lighting and standardizing recycling across our campus.
- As Dr. Sethi mentioned, this new building supports the daily work of RTI staff members, many of whom were relocated from leased off-site locations to join us here on campus.
- The anticipated move of these staff prompted the creation of the RTI Spread the Love Campaign. This campaign was created to reduce the amount of items staff members would take with them in the move to this new building.

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- Bins and containers were provided for staff members to recycle items ranging from binders and file folders to lamps and calculators. Spread the Love campaign volunteers sorted the office supplies and equipment for distribution to local schools and United Way agencies.
- I am thrilled to report that to date this campaign has diverted more than 41 tons of waste from entering the landfill and has made more than eight tons of office supplies available for donation.
- I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff members who participated and made this campaign such a tremendous success.

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- Just a few weeks ago, staff moved into this new building and an efficient work environment.
- LEED-certified buildings improve indoor air and water quality through superior ventilation and filtration centers.

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- They optimize natural lighting and minimize glare with high efficiency glass walls. They incorporate people-oriented design to encourage teamwork and collaboration.
- This building signifies RTI's ongoing commitment to being a great place to work.
- I'm proud that we are providing our staff with a quality workplace that contributes to high productivity and employee health and well-being.
- I'm also proud that at RTI we hold ourselves accountable for reducing our impact on the world around us.
- This new LEED building project is a testament to our commitment to doing the right thing.

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- RTI's mission is to improve the human condition by turning knowledge into practice.

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- By putting what we know about environmental sustainability into practice—not only for our clients, but for ourselves—we honor that mission.
- I thank you for joining us today and will now invite our Board of Governors Chairman Bill Moore to say a few words. Bill...

[Bill Moore takes the podium]

## Bill Moore Remarks

- Thank you, Victoria.
- Standing here in this magnificent new facility, reminds me that RTI has a history of firsts.
- We were the first official company in Research Triangle Park, established by the same leaders who created RTP as a focal point for the research emanating from our region's three research universities.
- Our founders—RTP's founders—had the vision to provide a physical infrastructure to attract research-oriented companies to North Carolina.
- That vision became reality when the RTI staff moved into the Robert Hanes Memorial Building on this campus in 1962. The Hanes Building was the first building in RTP when the only other structures in the park were remnants of old farms.
- Over the years, RTI has grown its campus to the 25 buildings it has today.

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- Our investment in facilities is an investment in our vision to solve the most complex scientific and societal challenges.
- For us, these laboratories and offices aren't just buildings; they are the workspaces for some of the world's leading scientists and researchers.
- The work done within their walls changes lives, changes the world.
- To support the work our staff does to improve the human condition, we are committed to providing them with the best equipment and facilities in which to work. That is why our two newest buildings are LEED buildings.
- That brings us to another of RTI's firsts that we are celebrating today.
- We were the first to build a LEED Gold certified building in RTP (which is the building next to this one). As we officially open our newest building, we hope to be the first organization to have two LEED Gold buildings in RTP.

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- Victoria mentioned RTI's commitment to serving as a leader and role model.
- In our over 50-year history, RTI has served as a leader, fostering a culture of scientific advancement and competitive excellence in our region.
- With our commitment to green building projects, we hope to serve as a role model to help foster a culture of environmental responsibility and sustainability in our community as well.
- Thank you.

[Dr. Haynes takes the podium to direct the ribbon cutting.]

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- And now, I'd like to invite Bill and Satinder to join me in cutting the ribbon to officially open our new building.

[Ribbon cutting]

- We invite our guests to take a short tour of the building with the guides located in the lobby and everyone to enjoy some refreshments outside this room. Thank you for joining us today.