



**Real Property
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**2015 RPIC Real Property Award
Lifetime Achievement
David R. Cooke**

A lifetime.

**How we choose to live our lives, where we make our
contributions and how we treat others will be our legacy.**

Highlight of Achievement:

With over 30 years experience in the federal government, including with Public Works and Government Services Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the Canadian Coast Guard and Health Canada, a strong academic background (Masters Certificate in Project Management) with many professional designations such as Real Property Administrator, BOMA Facilities Management Administrator and Project Management Professional, and as an RPIC Board member for six years, David R. Cooke has made exceptional and sustained contributions to Real Property Community, both on the national and regional stage. Known for his knowledge and dedication to nurturing and educating real property professionals, David was chosen to teach mandatory courses at the Canada School of Public Service. He mentored and supported employees and colleagues throughout his career and has been RPIC's voice in the Atlantic Region. By applying his strong technical knowledge and his leadership on interdepartmental teams he was instrumental in the development and implementation of many best practices, policies and guidelines that continue to be used today, including Treasury Board policy instruments. His commitment to creating and sustaining a high performing federal real property workforce is outstanding!

His current employer at Health Canada offered the following quote in support of this award:

“David Cooke has made many contributions in the furtherance of real property management and materiel management, but none more significant than his support to real property professionals, both those new to the field and those with many years of experience. Whether it be through his teaching the mandatory real property and material management courses at the Canada School of Public Service or through his direct mentorship of his staff, David’s recognition of the importance of nurturing and educating professionals in the field of real property and materiel management speaks to his understanding and commitment to creating and sustaining high quality of service delivery.”

Within his own team at Health Canada, David continually provides feedback to the employees in support of their individual and collective success. In addition, seeking and providing opportunities for these individuals to stretch themselves outside of their comfort zones in order to learn and grow is one of David's strengths. As result, not only is the Atlantic Region of Health Canada well served, but the real property community will be a beneficiary of the expertise garnered from these experiences for years to come.

Throughout his career he has managed a number of large diversified portfolios such as marine, laboratory, health, industrial, commercial and office complexes. He has received recognition for his contribution from clients, departments and has received RPIC's awards for Comprehensive Planning and Outstanding Contribution to the Real Property Community.

On the National stage, in addition to his teaching with the CSPS, David has worked hard with his colleagues on the RPIC Board to ensure high quality programming with a focus on the highest priority needs for the community. He always took the time to participate in monthly Board meetings, offered excellent advice on RPIC business and strategic priorities from the Regional perspective, and supported the Professional Development Portfolio with the delivery of Regional Workshops and networking opportunities in the Atlantic Region. He also played a key role in the regional consultation for the review, development and implementation of the 2006 Treasury Board Real Policy Suite. A former TBS employee noted: “We could always count on David to challenge us through the policy review to ensure there was sufficient flexibility, supported by enough guidance to ensure effective implementation from a practical and operational perspective. His contribution was valued.”

David's commitment to the RPIC Vision “creating and sustaining a high performing federal real property workforce” on behalf of Canadians is outstanding!