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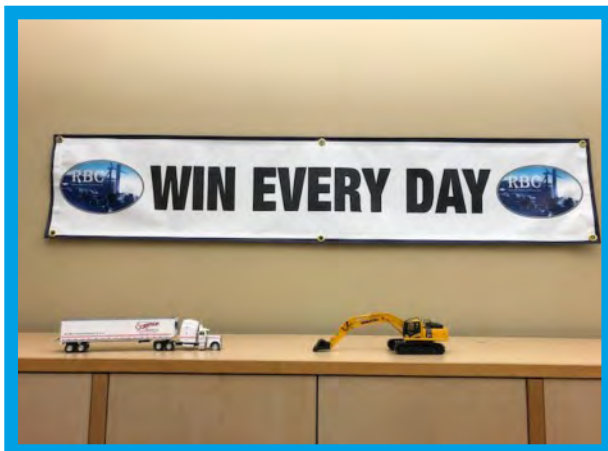
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RBC LANDS MAJOR FIBER OPTICS PROJECT

RBC has secured a contract with a major national telecom company to build a 4 duct conduit system from Umatilla Oregon to The Dalles Oregon which is a distance of 110 miles of construction. RBC mobilized and started construction the middle of April with 20 employees and has ramped up to 38 as of July. We are also utilizing the services of West Pacific Directional drilling as a subcontractor with 2 directional drills. To date we have placed 87 miles of the 110 with the majority of the work remaining being in the city of the Dalles and the east end of the project from Umatilla west to Boardman. The project consists of varying methods of construction with the majority of the job being placed with D8 cable plows. A significant amount of rock has been encountered throughout the project and been either sawed with our large Tesmec rock saws or hammered with 2-300 size excavators with 8500 ft. lb. hammers attached. There is approx. 33K feet of directional boring under roads and rivers and railroads in rock/cobble and dirt ground conditions. In September we will start placing the fiber cable in one of the conduits as well as some 890 hand holes (junction boxes) and also several bridges to hang. We have also negotiated an additional 100 miles from The Dalles to downtown Portland. This route goes over the north side of Mt. Hood and will have many challenges. We just signed the contract and started it in the middle of August. We are also in the budgeting process on several additional routes for this customer as well as others. The fiber business looks very strong for the next few years thanks to the CLOUD and a lot of major companies want to have their large data center in the northwest. There are a lot of pictures on the following pages recognizing the Team that has been responsible for building the project. It's taken a lot of effort from Mike Rakoz, Chris Keksi and there teams putting the proposals together. It's been in the works for almost 2 years. Jim Cooper is the project manager on the contract and is doing an outstanding job. Dave McMillan is doing a great job keeping the crews laid out. We have an office and yard in Arlington Oregon and one in The Dalles. We will also be securing a facility near Sandy Oregon and will be looking to our Team out of the Vancouver office to help build the western section of the project.



Merle Sorenson CEO, Jim Cooper Project Manager, Dave McMillan Assistant Project Manager



Leslie Cooper Admin Assistant

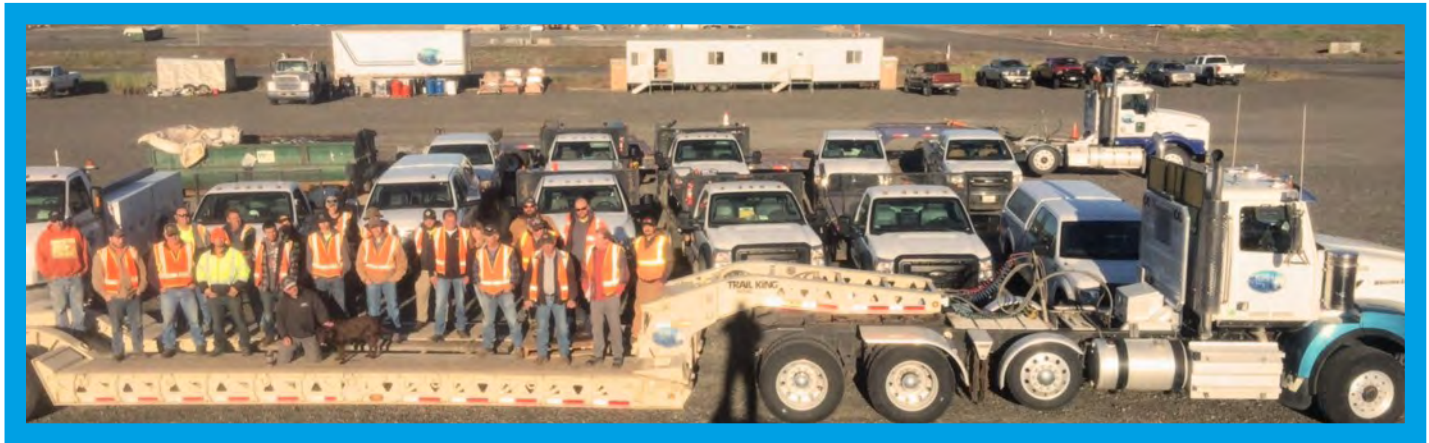


Mike Kendall Project Engineer



Nate Woosley Contract Administrator

Arlington Oregon Office

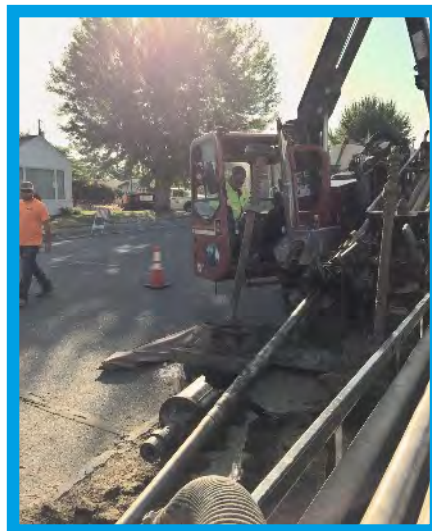


The crew from left to right. Back Row: Dave Beardslee, Blake Saranto, Bob Fisher, Taylor Feller, Brenden Wolf, Todd Sannar, Ty Bain, Shane Soares, John Jasper, & Roberto Hernandez. Front Row: Shawn McMillen, Tim Cooper, Sergio Chavez, Cristian Mendez, Chace McCall, Bob Rose, Jim Cooper, Leslie Cooper, Randy Cruse, John Blair, Mike Kendall & Dave McMillen. Kneeling is Ralph Griffin with Mocha.

Not shown: James Howard, Darryl Sheid, Corey Rosenow, Edger Maciel, Kendal McMillen, Eric Anderson, Chris Wolf, Gary Maddon, Jennifer Greathouse, Kyle Hoopes, Austin Lee, Thomas Jasper, Leighton Gertje, Andrew Nelson, Steve Gorham, Ron Dunn, Travis Smith, David Molina, Jerry Jones, Shane Carvell, Jerry Atwood & Justin Mirus



Pulling back a 500' shot under the rail road. Travis Smith operator on Drill and Ty Bain is groundsman/locator



Steve Gorham on 100 AT drill working on a bore shot in the Dalles



Shane Soares doing tie-ins and cleanup



Merle running D8T RIP CAT



Lowboy Driver Randy Cruse



Dave McMillen with lowboy driver Dave Beardslee



Dirt on top with 12" of rock in bottom



Rocksaw at work on Welk road above Biggs Junction



In some hard rock out east of Arlington OR.



Bob Fisher changing teeth on the rocksaw



John Blair on 650 cleanup dozer



Tim Cooper on plow Sergio Chavez groundsman



Roberto Hernandez on compactor



Eric Anderson on Dossan Excavator cleaning up plow rip and restoring the bank



Bob Rose on 310 John Deere



Chris Wolf on mini excavator



Andrew Nelson on mini excavator



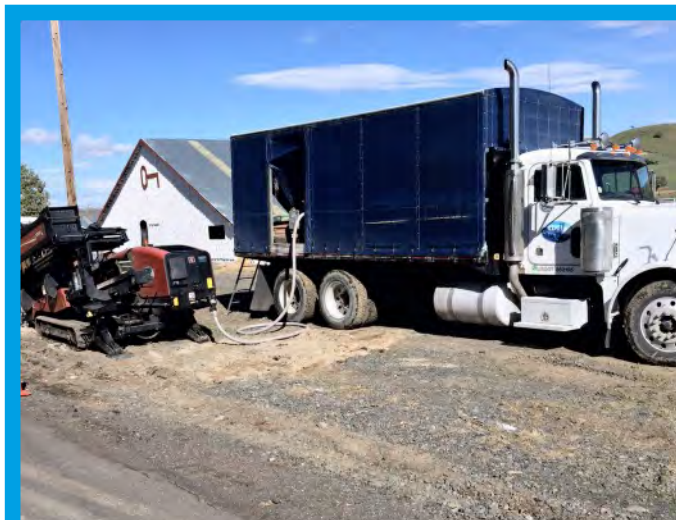
Shawn McMillen hammering rock



Arlington Oregon yard and offices



Corey Rosenow running Compactor



Boring setup



Ralph Griffin on bore machine



Tim Cooper on plow with groundman Sergio Chavez





David Molina drilling under the John Day River.



Steve Gorham on a 100 AT drill boring the John Day River



Steve Gorham locating bore shot under the John Day River.



2-300 size excavator's with rock hammers



The Big Toys

RBC OPENS NEW OFFICE IN MEDFORD OREGON

RBC opened a new office in June to support the work for the Charter Network in the southern Oregon Market. The office will be managed by John Wildey. John brings many years of experience in the industry & market place. This will expand RBC'S footprint with charter in the Northwest and Southern Oregon region. John will work directly for Dwayne Schoeneck.

In March RBC held a managers conference at The Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, WA



Marty Miller RBC CFO presenting Accounting procedures



Martina Tarango & Holly Akimeseu-Leitgeb paying close attention

The loss of Dave Boeshans

After a year and a half battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia RBC lost a great team member and friend. Dave worked over twenty-three years for RBC as one of our top Foreman/Operators and will be greatly missed. Dave was great at what he did and taught a lot of young people the meaning of work ethics. Dave was 63 years old. He is survived by his daughter Kara age 14 and his soul mate of many years Kathy Kaiser. We have not heard anything on a funeral or memorial service at this time, but will pass on the information along as it becomes available. Rest in peace Dave.



Dan Cook

Chief Operations Officer



Perseverance

The definition of Perseverance is steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success. Many of you, from executives all the way to hands in the field have shown tremendous perseverance through some recent difficult times. As the saying goes, "If it was easy then everyone would do it". The industry we are in has its share of challenges and in order to be successful perseverance is not only beneficial but it is necessary. We operate in a highly competitive environment that has many risks. While we have had some disappointing failures we have also had some great successes and long the way built a good company with many quality people that come to work and put in 110%.

The summer construction season is underway RBC crews are off and running on multiple projects. Fleet Manager Marvin Porfily and crew have done an excellent job on the logistics and kick off of the Zayo Umatilla Project. Production has been very good in the first few weeks and while some difficult sections are in the near future Jim Cooper and Dave McMillan are preparing and planning for the work ahead.

The Puget Sound Region is coming off a busy winter and spring with The Century Link San Juan Islands CAF Projects while the Frontier SSP contract remained slow. The tough winter and logistical challenges of island work has been quiet the task. Buck Davenport and crews have spent the last few months working San Juan Island and will be complete by the time you're reading this. Recently hired Project Manager John Daley has joined the RBC team at the Mukilteo office supporting the Island project and Frontier SSP.

Jeff Jerome is back down from Alaska working in the Rathdrum ID office with Area Manager Robin Barker. Along with Teresa Flores in the Tri-City office and Dave Klinkenberg in Ellensburg and Wenatchee area the group is teaming up and managing RBC assets on projects ranging from Frontier SSP work to AT&T, Zayo, Microsoft and Ellensburg Tel. Work has really picked up in this area after the slow winter season.

Mike and Kate Isbell from the Coos Bay office have recently been working in Portland Metro to offer support in navigating some hurdles with the Frontier contract. The operation of the Frontier SSP has been difficult this past year and with the leadership of Chris Keksi and the guidance of Mike Isbell we are seeing a move in the right direction. Under the management of Teresa Flores the NESC functions are now moving along as well. Billy McCoy and crews have been supporting some of the Frontier Projects while managing projects that Chris Keksi has successfully bid. The team is doing an outstanding job supporting each other. It is really impressive to see what we can accomplish when we are all work together for a common goal.

Duane Schoeneck manager for the Coos Bay office. In the time he has been at RBC he has helped expand the operation to other areas in Southern Oregon along the I-5 corridor. New business with Charter Communications and a few AT&T projects have driven this growth and is a welcomed addition to the Frontier SSP work. Duane and team are doing a fantastic job.

Similar to Duane in Southern Oregon, Scott Griebel joined RBC in this past year as a Regional VP in the Denver operation. Historically the Denver CO operation has had its share of struggles. Under Scott's direction we are starting to see this region leveling off and the operation seems to be steadily growing and becoming profitable. Scott and team have implemented some much-needed procedures and cost control measures and their efforts are evident in the numbers.

We have a good team here at RBC and I want to encourage everyone to stay the course and keep persevering. Push to achieve excellence, stay humble and keep striving to improve not only yourself but the people around you. Thank you for all your efforts, stay steady and safe.

Dan Cook
Chief Operations Officer

"The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual"

-Vince Lombardi

FEENAUGHTY MACHINERY

RBC would like to recognize a key supplier. Over the years RBC has purchased numerous large and mini excavators from Byron Rose with Feenaughty Machinery. Feenaughty was established in 1901 and is now ran by fourth generation Randy Harris. They are located on Columbia Blvd. in Portland, Oregon and focus on selling equipment to the construction and logging industry. Byron has always provided RBC with equipment when the need arises and has been outstanding to work with on the financing end of it. Whenever a breakdown happens in the field Feenaughty's service team is quick to the repair. We value our great relationship with Feenaughty and look forward to many more prosperous years.



Left to right Byron Rose & Randy Harris



Andrew Nelson on Takeuchi. In Dalles digging starter hole for drill



Kendall McMillen hammering rock on frontage road near I-84 Biggs Junction



2-300 size excavator's with rock hammers breaking rock down the hill to the John Day River

Mike Rakoz

President

Team RBC

Summer is here! After a brutal tough winter & wet spring. I feel we are well poised to take advantage of many opportunities to change the outlook of our company going forward. We have so many opportunities ahead of us and we have the team and assets to make 2017 a very successful year.

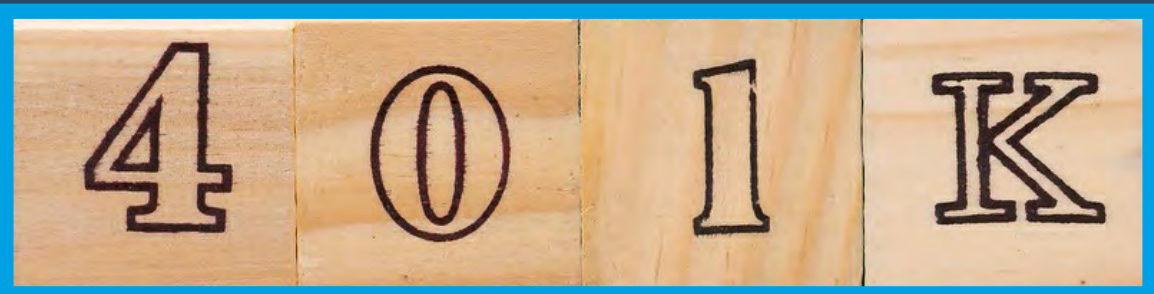
2016 was a very tough year for RBC, fortunately the backlog for 2017 is very positive. We need not dwell on the past but we must learn from prior mistakes and take advantage of opportunities going forward. We have made several strategic moves in each profit centers and proud of our skilled management teams in each area to respond and capitalize in each market.

RBC is well positioned in each region and established on many bid lists as well as many MSA's throughout each region. We need to maximize our operations by coaching new employees and share market skills to help one another develop. This will set us apart from or competition and will allow us to be a leading force in the industry. Plan you're your day and make sure we execute at a high level.

We have introduced profit and loss statements in each region and ask each Area Manager to manage the bottom line and ultimately want to share the successes of the company. The customer base and resources are in place the rest is up to all of us to support one another.

Please plan your day safely, efficiently and produce quality work, this will ultimately set us apart from our competition. The results will be profitability and a positive work environment.

Thank you, Mike



Total Participants 189 Active 184, \$1.826M

We encourage RBC employees to take part in our 401K plan and save for your future. We match a portion of your contribution. There is no easier money than that.

Joe Bergren

Safety Manager



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Team, with summer here it's a good time to pay special attention to the changing climate and site conditions, be sure to inventory your fire suppression needs and monitor your people closely for signs of heat illness and dehydration!.

I am also very happy to report our quarterly safety Bonus recipients for 2nd quarter 2017 are the Mid-West Division Headquarters and personnel, their safety record and overall performance was outstanding, they were followed closely by the Northern Idaho & Eastern Washington Region and to all regional locations thanks for all the effort put forth in safe operations.

I had the recent pleasure of conducting site visits with both our insurance carriers and bonding company, they were very impressed with our operations and efforts ongoing to the safety and well-being of all RBC Employees and the public in general proximity so thanks to all for your commitment.

In closing it's that time again for me to make my regional rounds and conduct Safety training and recertification, I will reach out to each regional manager individually to schedule according to your needs. Be sure to note the list of safety award recipients for the last couple of quarters as well included in this edition of the newsletter.

Thanks Sincerely, Joe Bergren Field Safety Supervisor

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Dave Klinkenburg-2/16/2017-Received a gift card for being first manager to complete his OSHA training within allotted time

Myron Rickett-2/16/16-Received a gift card for no violation level 3 DOT inspection

Dave Griffin-2/15/17-Received a gift card for successful completion of OSHA 30 training within allotted time

Bert Pegg-2/15/17-Received a gift card for successful completion of OSHA 30 training within allotted time

Sam Tebay-2/28/2017-Received RBC growler for helping out with an emergency splice situation in Tri-Cities when we were shorthanded and needed service restored

Al Johnson-4/12/2017-Received a gift card for keeping up on-site inspections & doing a complete thorough job on them.

Mark Vermeulen-4/13/2017-Received a gift card for getting equipment back up and running in short fashion when down on 17ZAY015 Arlington, OR.

David Beardslee-4/13/2017-Received a gift card for safe & timely equipment moves to various locations

Ed Sudol-4/13/217-Received RBC growler for keeping up on site safety inspections in Wilsonville, OR.

Jack Rains-4/13/217-Received RBC growler for safe work practices on job in Vantage, WA.

Todd Sannar-4/13/217-Received RBD buck knife for safe work practices on job in Vantage, WA.

Robert Plaquet-4/14/17-Received RBC growler for safe work and leadership, Puget Sound Region

Don Archey-4/14/2017-Received RBC growler for always having positive safe work attitude, Puget Sound Region

Sparky Murry-5/8/2017-Received RBC growler for complete JHA'S, Clean assets and verifying complete walk arounds and associated documentation on 17-ATT-006

Paul Johnson-5/11/2017-Received RBC growler for excellent & safe operations WOE

David Beardslee-5/11/2017-Received RBC growler for safe & efficient equipment moves and keeping paperwork and lowboy in order

Ron Hanson & Brandon Rutherford-Received RBC buck knives for excellent walk around and load securement on 11040 prior to leaving Vancouver yard traveling to Astoria Oregon.

Carlos Pinto-6/22/2017-Received RBC buck knife for clean truck and load securement

Duane Shoeneck-6/28/2017-Received RBC growler for excellent reporting of contract flagger incident in CAVE JCT. Oregon

Nick Booker-6/28/2017-Received RBC growler for excellent reporting of contract flagger incident in CAVE JCT. Oregon

Darren Ferrell-6/28/2017-Received RBC buck knife for excellent reporting of contract flagger incident in CAVE JCT. Oregon

Jacob Franke-6/28/2017-Received RBC buck knife for excellent reporting of contract flagger incident in CAVE JCT. Oregon

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION CONTINUED.

Jeff Jerome-7/12/2017-Received RBC buck knife for excellent job safety set up and fire protection on 17ATT002

Tony Jensen-7/12/2017-Received RBC buck knife for excellent job safety set up and fire protection on 17ATT002

Grant Williams-7/12/2017-Received RBC buck knife excellent job safety set up and fire protection on 17ATT002

John Blair-8/8/2017-Received RBC buck knife for excellent job prep on fire protection phase 2 out of The Dalles 17ZAY015

Tom Jasper-8/8/2017-Received RBC buck knife for excellent job prep on fire protection phase 2 out of The Dalles 17ZAY015

A Word From Our Insurance Carrier

RBC Newsletter 1st Quarter 2017 Alaska National Insurance

I'm Joe Gianotti with the Loss Control group at Alaska National Insurance Company. Alaska National provides the workers' compensation insurance for RBC operations outside of Washington (the state provides workers' compensation in Washington). It's my job to help our customers with their efforts to prevent accidents and injuries. Maybe I'll get a chance to meet you during a project visit with Joe Bergren.

We want everyone at RBC working outside of Washington to know about our 24/7 Injury Helpline. If you're injured at work, you and your supervisor can call 800-553-8041 to talk to a nurse, who will assess your injury and recommend a best course of action. The nurse will also let us know about your injury so we can set up support to help your recovery process.

Say you fall and hit your head when climbing out of a truck. You feel OK except for a little dizziness. Should you report it and get medical attention, or should you let it go? Or say you feel pain in your leg after positioning a cable reel. Should you tell someone, or tough it out?

The helpline nurse is trained to evaluate your situation and give you the best advice on how to handle your injury. Sometimes, that may just be first aid or rest. Other times, it may mean going to the local clinic, or to a specialist.

We believe that getting the right medical treatment as soon as possible is critical after a workplace injury – and not just when there's spilt blood or broken bones.

Work safe. But if you're hurt at work outside of Washington, let your supervisor know right away and call the helpline together. The nurse will talk to each of you separately, provide advice, and get any necessary paperwork started. If your supervisor isn't available, make the call yourself. Again, 800-553-8041.

Joe Gianotti, Alaska National Insurance Company

DENVER RECEIVED 2ND QUARTER MERIT OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

Scott intends to have a BBQ for all of the employees & family that were part of the team that received the award. Money left over will be distributed to the employees.



Scott Griebel
Manager of Denver and Midwest
region



Crew member names left to right: Jose Huerta, Baldo Cruz, Jorge Guerra, Jose Banuelos, Jonell Garcia, Larry Nobile, Mike Loftus, Dominique Mackintosh, Wyatt Griebel, Mike Kelly, Jose Quintana, Craig Coppock

Green Creek Large Diameter Bore, Renton WA.

RBC had to work very long days to complete this very challenging bore under Green Creek which consisted of pulling a total of 9-6 inch conduits. RBC utilized our (AT 100) one hundred thousand foot pound drill with a mud reclaimer to complete this project ahead of schedule and under budget! This job had a tight time frame due to the state DOT having a culvert replacement project for salmon enhancement. Good job guys!!



Dave Griffin, Directional Drilling Supervisor.
Dave oversees RBC'S 8 Drills



Travis Smith on left, James Howard, and Andrew Nelson is on the right putting on back reamer



Travis Smith Equipment/Drill operator



Steve Gorham on the left, On the reclaimer is David Molina, Jerry Atwood on top of drill and Ron Dunn is by the rod rack

Mariners game for the Merit Award That the Puget Sound Region Office Won in December



John Daily, Gerry Staffenhaugen, Cole Claussen, (behind) Brad Robertson, Don Archey, Tanner Porter, (behind) Randy Delfino, Nic Quall, Robert Plaquet, Noah Tribole



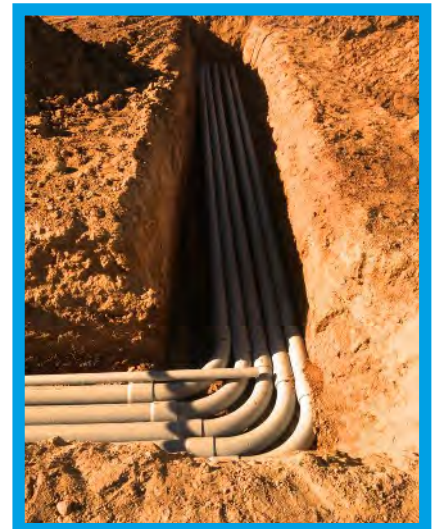
Noah Tribole, Gerry Staffenhaugen, Cole Claussen, John Daily



Randy Delfino, Tanner Porter, Robert Plaquet

Colorado Sterling Ranch Project

RBC has a contract underway for the first phase of a major full scale development called Sterling Ranch. The development is a state of the art, eco conscious community set on 3400 acres in Littleton, Colorado. The construction phases of the community are expected to take 7-10 years and will include 12000 new single family homes, schools, churches, civic centers, and parks. The latest technology in fiber to the home is being deployed. RBC is under contract to install all the telecom conduit, micro duct, vaults/manholes. The project is being managed by RBC's Jorge Guerra and his team. It's with their good performance that RBC will negotiate the next phases of this major project.



John Daly

Project Manager Puget Sound

John Daly recently joined the RBC Team accepting a Project Manager position in the Seattle market area. He has worked in the Telecommunications Industry for the past 36 years starting with GTE of the Southwest, Verizon Northwest and most recently Frontier Communications. John held a variety of craft and management position for the Operations and OSP Construction departments.

John is married with four children and six grandkids and is expecting the seventh grandchild any day now. His favorite hobby is spending time with the grandkids watching them grow and experiencing new adventures together. The family enjoys fishing and crabbing in the Puget Sound and hunting in the fall.

John is excited about working with his RBC teammates learning the contracting side of the Telecommunication business. You can reach John at the Mukilteo office at 425-745-8533 Ext.201, or by email at jdaly@rbc-utility.com.

John Daly

Project Manager Puget Sound



Don Archey

Lineman



Robert Plaquet

Line Foreman



Mr. Sorenson and RBC team members,

I would like to say that the pleasure is all mine to write this article today.

I don't only speak for myself but proudly speak for all our staff when genuine recognition of team members is needed.

Let me start with how important it is to mentor and lead your crews in the field not only to keep morale high, but increase production as well.

With that being said we would to recognize one of our line foremen Robert Plaquet for his outstanding performance and leadership that has lead his crew to not only meet expectations but in most cases exceed them.

We would also like to say that sometimes there are other qualities individuals have that are deserving as well.

With this in mind it brings me to Don Archey, one of those people that always comes to mind when I think of personal ethics.

What I mean is Don is always helpful in so many ways that I can't mention them all, and the personal ethics he has brought into the work place has inspired more the he probably knows.

We truly appreciate the both of you for your leadership, your efforts, and for the things you do that helps RBC be more successful.



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