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## **An Exciting New Life for an Industrial Age Relic**

### **Red River Computer Turns Historic New Hampshire Mill into a New High-Tech Home**

Claremont, NH (June 15, 2009) Red River Computer Company, Inc. an integrator of information technology solutions will be part of the official ribbon cutting ceremony at its new historic office on Friday, June 19, 2009.

Many IT-related companies opt for glittery, ultra-modern edifices for their headquarters' exteriors, hoping to reflect the high-tech work they perform. Red River took an opposite approach, one that pays homage to technology's past.

The quickly-growing company, which specializes in IT system design and sales to federal agencies, was becoming cramped at its 12,000-square-foot Lebanon, N.H. building and could have embarked on new construction. Instead, Red River chose to play a big part in the ongoing renovation of the massive Monadnock Mill complex on the Sugar River in Claremont, N.H. The project is helping to revitalize an important piece of the city's rich history, provides a community in which Red River can work and live, and is an opportunity for the Red River Technology Foundation (RRTF) to inspire local students to embark on careers in technology.

Red River is occupying about 20,000 square feet of the Wainshal Mill on Water Street. Its efforts preserved the 1853 structure's majestic brick exterior while transforming the interior into modern offices and work areas including several conference rooms, an Executive Briefing Center and a state-of-the-art IT demonstration lab. The move to the Claremont facility will give Red River the room needed to add personnel in scale with their aggressive growth plans , according to Red River CEO Rick Bolduc.

The mill, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, was used for weaving and spinning cotton and textiles. All renovation work was overseen by the National Park Service. The structure is one of the few old mills still standing that has a "monitor-style" roof, a design that allows for light or air to enter the upper section, according to UK Architects, the architects of record for the project.

Red River, which already is involved in a number of philanthropic endeavors in Claremont, will be using its spacious and aesthetically exciting new headquarters as a place to educate area young people about technology and IT careers, said Red River CEO Rick Bolduc. He said he's been amazed by the hospitality and friendliness of the town and intends to have Red River give back to the community in as many ways as possible.

"Claremont is a great place full of great people," Bolduc said. "They seem to share our excitement about the mill renovation. I don't think we could have chosen a better place to set up shop."

Kim Vacca, a member of the Board of Directors of the RRTF, said the company plans to open its demonstration lab for student visits so they can see the products and how they work. "About two years ago, before we even moved to Claremont, we helped the local colleges revise their curriculums," Vacca

said. "We reached out to the colleges, talked to them and gave them employee time as a consulting type of thing."

Vacca said Red River has communicated with other IT companies, suggesting they consider relocating in Claremont and making the city something of a New Hampshire tech hot-spot. "We're going to have a lot more space in the new mill," she said. "The Chamber of Commerce and city officials are so excited we're bringing all these jobs. We're really helping to revitalize this old mill city."

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