



The origins of our company go back to the summer of 1981, when a small office began in Sidney as the West Coast office of Geoterrex and Terra Surveys Ltd, an employee-owned company with headquarters in Ottawa Ontario. The company carried out aerial, land and marine geophysics, as well as photogrammetric topography, hydrographic surveys and charting. Our company still retains the original Terra logo that was created in 1986.

In 1984, Terra Surveys in Ottawa was contracted by the Canadian Hydrographic Service (CHS) and the Canadian Centre for Remote Sensing (CCRS) to test and operate the first prototype LiDAR bathymetric system. Jim Vosburgh a senior hydrographer with Terra, who had been a seasoned hydrographer and instructor with CHS, took on the lead role to direct and manage the aerial bathymetry program. That same year, Jim and the Terra team flew a large project in Cambridge Bay, the data produced became the first known hydrographic chart for the government of Canada, using aerial LiDAR bathymetry data. Terra Remote Sensing went on to successfully operate the innovative LiDAR bathymetry system, nationally and internationally.

In 1999 Terra Surveys Limited's west coast office transitioned to Terra Remote Sensing Inc. It remains an employee-owned and operated company and has grown from about a dozen employees initially to about 85 employees. With offices in the USA and Latin America, Terra has worked in more than 20 countries.

In 2001, Terra focused its aerial capabilities on land applications rather than only bathymetry surveys. Terra is one of only a few firms in North America with a long history of both marine and aerial survey capability. Many of the early bathymetric LiDAR team are still active employees in our company. It is the combination of decades of experience as well as fresh contributions from our newer employees that helps Terra delivery its services to our clients.

Terra currently conducts a variety of marine acoustic surveys as well as multiple aerial LiDAR remote sensing systems. Our company has worked internationally for many decades with a large variety of clients and continues to grow and seek new opportunities, markets and technology.

-- Rick Quinn, Founder