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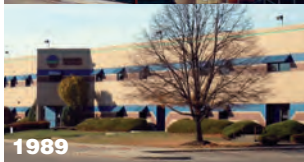
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1932



1963



1989

## 100-Year Anniversary Celebration!

In January 2011, Bowser-Morner, Inc. began a year-long celebration of its 100 years of providing laboratory testing and engineering services to business, industry, and government. In April, the company will host an Open House for customers, employees, and state and local dignitaries as well as members of the community. Watch for details!

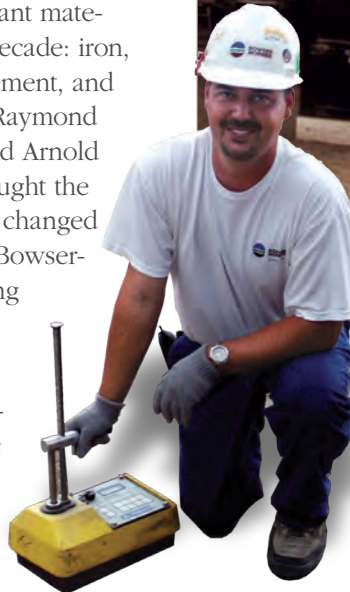
## Commitment to Quality – Past, Present, and Future

Bowser-Morner, Inc. began in 1911 as Kurz Chemical Laboratories, a small laboratory testing business. Nine years later, the business began to focus on analyzing some of the important materials of that decade: iron, steel, coal, cement, and oil. In 1925, Raymond R. Bowser and Arnold L. Morner bought the business and changed the name to Bowser-Morner Testing Laboratories.

Two years later, Bowser-Morner made history conducting chemical testing on metal used in the Spirit of St. Louis, the plane



Charles Lindbergh piloted on his solo flight across the Atlantic to Paris.



In 1937, Bowser-Morner became a charter member of the American Council of Commercial Laboratories, which later became the American Council of Independent Laboratories (ACIL), the leading association of testing companies in the United States. As World War II loomed, the company added new

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## MILESTONES

Steve Bowser, President and CEO of Bowser-Morner, Inc., has been named Chair-Elect for the American Council of Independent Laboratories (ACIL), a leading association of independent scientific engineering and testing firms.

In 1937, Bowser-Morner became a charter member of the American Council of Commercial Laboratories, which later became the American Council of Independent Laboratories (ACIL). Today, ACIL is the trade association representing independent, commercial scientific, engineering, and testing firms. Its members are professional-service firms engaged in testing, product certification, consulting, and research and development.

Steve Bowser will assume duties as Chair in 2012 as the ACIL celebrates its 75th anniversary. For more information, you may reference the Council's website at: [www.acil.org](http://www.acil.org)

### Win an Apple I-Pad and a 1-Year Free Internet Data Package

Steve Bowser, President and CEO of Bowser-Morner, will draw a name to receive an Apple iPad and 1-year free internet data package. Simply go to [Bowser-Morner.com](http://Bowser-Morner.com) and Register to Win! (Employees and employee families not eligible.)



## Commitment to Quality

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services to meet its clients' expanding needs, first offering metallurgical testing in 1937, and venturing into subsurface exploration in 1941. Physical testing of such materials as aircraft parts and steel created much work through the war years and into 1945, when the company began offering simulated-environment testing of the effects of humidity, altitude, and vibration.

The construction boom of the 1950s created a similar boom for Bowser-Morner's Construction Services Department, and marked the expansion of its Subsurface Exploration Services department. Today, Bowser-Morner operates one of the most versatile fleets of subsurface exploration equipment in the Midwest, including three Sonic Rigs.

In 1974, the company expanded operations by acquiring Interstate Drilling and Testing and opening its Toledo regional office and laboratory. Shortly thereafter, a second regional office and laboratory was opened in Maysville, Kentucky. Eight years later, the Kentucky office was moved to Lexington to better serve Bluegrass State clients. Also in 1982, the company officially changed its name to the one known today: Bowser-Morner, Inc.

Building on its momentum, in 1986, Bowser-Morner became one of the early laboratories accredited by the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA) in the fields of Chemical, Mechanical, and Construction Materials Testing. This accreditation continued the company's long-time leadership in the promotion and recognition of quality systems in the testing industry.



The year the Berlin Wall came down, 1989, was also historic as the company moved to its present corporate headquarters in Dayton, Ohio. The 70,000-square-foot complex houses the administration and engineering offices, laboratories, and extensive analytical testing equipment, as well as maintenance and storage facilities for subsurface exploration operations. In 1999, the company was growing again when the Toledo offices and laboratory moved to a new, 14,000-square-foot building on an environmentally remediated site in the River East Industrial Corridor. In June 2003, the expanding company opened a Construction Materials Testing Laboratory in Springfield, Illinois to better serve its clients throughout the Midwest. In 2008, the company opened a Cincinnati regional office and laboratory to better serve its clients along the I-75 corridor in Ohio and Kentucky.

In 1995, Bowser-Morner became a fully accredited laboratory by AASHTO through the AMRL program. Then in 2000, the

company became the first independent U.S. geotechnical and construction materials testing laboratory accredited by AASHTO to the international quality system standard ISO/IEC 17025.

From 1911 through today, Bowser-Morner has always been committed to the timeless pattern of safety, hard work, innovative solutions, and providing value to its clients.

Bowser-Morner, Inc. is a multi-disciplined laboratory testing and engineering firm with offices and laboratories in Dayton, Toledo, and Cincinnati Ohio; Lexington, Kentucky; and Springfield, Illinois. The company employs approximately 140 engineers, scientists, technicians, and administrative personnel.

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