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North Florida Regional Medical Center Announces General Contractor for \$35 Million Project

October 20, 2009, Gainesville, FL – North Florida Regional Medical Center (NFRMC) has announced that Charles Perry Construction, Inc. has been selected as the construction manager for Phase II of the Master Facility Plan at NFRMC. Phase II of this plan includes the addition of 24 ICU acuity beds, as well as the renovation of an 8-bed unit into a state-of-the-art 12-bed telemetry unit. Charles Perry Construction will guide the work of expansion and renovation inside the hospital building.

“It is with great confidence that we partner once again with Charles Perry Construction,” said Matt Davis, Chief Operating Officer of North Florida Regional Medical Center. “We have long-running history of working together, and we look forward to the expertise we can count on from Charles Perry Construction for a project that is representative of both the needs of our community and the future growth of our medical center. Not only does this represent growth in the hospital’s capacity, it gives Charles Perry Construction an opportunity to boost the local economy through continued employment of numerous local construction specialists.”

“Charles Perry Construction, Inc. is pleased and excited to be selected as construction manager for the addition that will create a fifth floor to the Surgical Tower at NFRMC and will renovate areas on the second floor,” said Breck Weingart, President of Charles Perry Construction, Inc. “We have been fortunate to be a construction partner for many Hospital Corporation of America (HCA) projects throughout the state of Florida, but it is always special when we are selected to do work at NFRMC in Gainesville where our corporate home office is located.”

Total incremental beds associated with this project are 28. Completion will increase NFRMC’s licensed bed capacity to 353. Phase II of the multi-phase campus expansion also includes construction of a 562-spot parking garage and will enable the future construction of an additional Medical Arts Office building. NFRMC officials expect construction on the \$35 million project to begin in the first quarter of 2010 and last approximately 14 to 18 months.

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“We completed our first project at NFRMC in 1990 and have been working almost continuously on the campus since then,” added Weingart. “It is especially heartwarming to know this work will provide several hundred construction jobs during tough economic times. We look forward to building another quality project for NFRMC.”

The announcement of this latest expansion follows the construction of the new \$18.7-million Cancer Center, addition of a \$4 million Electrophysiology Catheterization Lab, \$1 million expansion of the Emergency Department and Chest Pain Unit and funding approval for the expansion of the Women’s Center Operating Rooms to house the area’s only da Vinci Si[®] Surgical System for Robotic Surgery. The upcoming \$35 million expansion will bring the total of investment in growth at North Florida Regional Medical Center to \$60 million in less than two years.

“This is a significant project for the community of Gainesville, and we are pleased to continue expanding with the help of Charles Perry Construction,” Davis said. “When it is finished, this phase of our multi-year campus expansion will include the addition of a 46,500 square foot Intensive Care Unit housing 24 patient rooms, as well as the renovation of 7,700 square feet of existing patient care area for the new 12 telemetry beds.”

North Florida Regional Medical Center’s campus spans 40 acres along Newberry Road and includes the main hospital, The Cancer Center at North Florida Regional Medical Center, The Women’s Center at North Florida Regional Medical Center, North Florida Bariatric Center, Invision Imaging, The GI Center at North Florida Regional Medical Center, North Florida Surgery Pavilion, Gainesville Internal Medicine Physicians (GIMP), Gainesville Family Physicians (GFP), Gainesville GYN Oncology, North Florida Neurosurgery and Heart and Lung Surgery Specialists, among others.

About North Florida Regional Medical Center:

North Florida Regional is a 325-bed, full-service medical and surgical acute care center serving 14 counties and offering comprehensive cardiovascular care, oncology, orthopedics, neurosciences, weight loss surgery and treatment, women’s health and wound therapy, among other services. A proven leader, North Florida Regional Medical Center is fully accredited and is certified as a Primary Stroke Center by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organization. North Florida Regional Medical Center is a member of Hospital Corporation of America (HCA). Based in Nashville, Tennessee, HCA remains the nation’s leading provider of healthcare services, composed of locally managed facilities that include approximately 166 hospitals and 112 outpatient centers in 20 states and England.

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