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HALIFAX REGIONAL BEGINS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT *\$6.5 Million Project to Modernize and Expand Outpatient Services*

ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC (July 28, 2011)—Halifax Regional today began construction on a \$6.5 million modernization and expansion of outpatient services.

Will Mahone, president of the Medical Center, donned a hard hat and was in the operator's seat of a bulldozer to symbolize the start of construction. Joining him was Bill Pully, president of the North Carolina Hospital Association, keynote speaker at the groundbreaking ceremony this morning.

Emery Doughtie, Mayor of Roanoke Rapids, Fannie P. Greene, chair of the Northampton County Board of Commissioners, James Pierce, chair of the Halifax County Commissioners and Vernon Bryant, chair of the Halifax Regional Board of Directors, also spoke at the event.

"This project is centered on comfort, convenience, privacy and safety for our patients," said Mahone. The project theme, "Expanding our Space; Improving your Care" will be on materials in the Medical Center.

"This is a significant investment in improving the health of our community," Mahone said. "At a time of economic uncertainty, Halifax Regional is moving forward with confidence in its responsibility to provide modern, quality healthcare services."

The project involves constructing or renovating 15,200 square feet, and is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2012.

Construction also includes expanding the parking lot used for outpatient services and the Emergency Care Center. The parking lot will be expanded by approximately 50 spaces and have convenient parking and patient drop-off areas. Traffic flow will be improved by a separation of the drive-up area for the Emergency Care Center and the Outpatient entrance.

Registration areas will be expanded and will have increased privacy. A new reception area will be developed for the lab.

“With additional space to prepare for and recover from surgery, the waiting time for patients having outpatient surgery will be reduced,” says Mahone.

“Upon entering the outpatient area, patients and their families will arrive at an open and spacious reception, waiting and registration area where information can be received in a comfortable, private setting,” says Barbara Moore, RN, project manager.

“Further down the renovated corridor, a new waiting area for outpatient family members will be located directly across from an expanded outpatient preparation/recovery area for surgical patients,” Moore continued.

“After surgery, patients will recover in a new, light-filled recovery suite, nearly twice the size of the current recovery area,” says Moore. “Colors and finishes will provide a calm, healing environment for patients, their families and the staff.”

In addition, there will be a private consultation area for surgeons to meet with families.

“The renovations will enable surgeons to provide their services more efficiently in a friendly and comfortable environment for patients and their families,” said John Moss, MD, orthopedic surgeon.

HDR, Inc. is the architect. The firm is the largest healthcare architectural firm in the United States. Charles Reed of the firm’s Charlotte office is the lead architect. “Patients will experience enhanced privacy, comfort, convenience and safety when this project is completed,” Reed says.

The contractor is Riley Contracting Group of Cary. Riley is recognized for its ability to renovate hospitals while they are in operation.

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