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Sanderling Healthcare and American Health Facilities Development to Offer Integrated Component Construction for Community Hospitals

Brentwood, Tenn. (June 1, 2011) – American Health Facilities Development, LLC (AHFD), a program management firm, and Sanderling Healthcare, LLC, a healthcare design and construction company, announced today a co-development marketing agreement to offer integrated component construction to critical access and community hospitals.

Integrated component construction gives hospitals in rural locations with limited access to building resources and funding a viable solution for facility additions or replacement. It reduces costs and risk, and can save a hospital significant time over conventional construction.

“We wanted to partner with Exley Hill and his team at AHFD because they offer such deep hospital experience in their program management capabilities,” says Deborah Tannenbaum, executive vice president of Sanderling Healthcare. “They’ve guided more than 655 hospitals through the planning and/or design, development and construction process and have extensive credibility in the industry.”

Dr. Jerome Tannenbaum, chief executive officer of Sanderling Healthcare, developed the proprietary component build method. It consists of constructing a permanent steel and concrete hospital in a factory setting. All systems within the hospital, including plumbing, mechanical, electrical, medical gas, nurse call and staff-locator systems are connected, divided into components and then shipped to a final destination and reassembled on site. There are no weather delays and site work is performed concurrent with the facility component fabrication.

“Once Dr. Tannenbaum presented the component approach to building a hospital, AHFD immediately saw the positive impact integrated component construction could have on costs, quality, schedule and overall risk management,” says Hill, president of AHFD.

“Integrated component construction offers the most economical option for communities that traditionally experience high construction cost resulting from adverse weather, high labor cost or poor geographical access to experienced healthcare contractors. Integrated component construction for healthcare facilities is a cutting edge trend that is viable and it’s here to stay,” he adds.

“Integrated component construction is permanent, 50-year construction with very high-end, complicated systems that talk to each other,” says Tannenbaum. “For the first time, a hospital can know with absolute certainty the cost for a replacement or addition in a fraction of the time and for minimal expense. Once a project is approved by the hospital, they can expect a fully completed project in less than half the time needed for conventional construction.”

About American Health Facilities Development

Based in Brentwood, Tenn., AHFD is a healthcare facilities development firm that offers hospitals a full suite of multidisciplinary planning, operations and program management services. Since 1989, the company has completed more than 655 healthcare planning and construction projects with a combined value of more than \$4 billion. AHFD is a subsidiary of Quorum Health Resources (QHR), which has provided consulting, management and education resources to hospitals and health systems for three decades. For more information, visit www.ahfdllc.com.

About Sanderling Healthcare

Based in Nashville, Tenn., Sanderling Healthcare, LLC is an innovative healthcare facility planning, design and development firm. Utilizing its proprietary *RapidHospitalDesign*[™] and *PrecisionHospitalBuild*[™] technologies, Sanderling has revolutionized the process to plan, design and build new hospitals, dialysis clinics and other healthcare facilities. For more information, visit www.sanderlinghealthcare.com.