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Construction Bids Opened for Stone County Medical Center

(Mountain View, Ark.) – Board members, Administrators and construction officials opened bids from potential sub-contractors for the Stone County Medical Center expansion project at the Old Bay Café recently. The project totals more than 20,000 sq. ft. and involves both new construction and renovation of the facility. The general contractor, Nabholz Construction of Conway invited 204 companies to bid on subcontractor packages including mechanical, electrical, masonry, flooring, plumbing, etc.

Franks Construction Company of Mountain View is the apparent low bidder for the site preparation package. Other local and regional firms are among those invited to bid on the project. Local tradesmen interested in working on the project should fill out an application at the Nabholz construction office that will be set up on the project site.

“Now that the bids have been opened, we will work to verify that each bid meets the specification set forth in the bid request and is within the budget approved by the White River Health System Board of Directors,” said Bill Meeker, Stone County Medical Center Director of Construction and Maintenance. “Construction can begin as soon as that process is complete.”

“We appreciate the support of the community as we move forward with our project,” said Karen Craft, SCMC Administrator. “The Mountain View Public School District has provided space for temporary employee parking during construction. With their cooperation we hope that we can minimize the inconvenience to patients and visitors as we improve our facility.”

The project will be completed in two phases. The entire project is expected to be complete in 12-15 months at a total cost of \$6M.

The first phase of the project will add a new wing on the north side of the hospital. The addition will expand the capacity for surgical procedures. The new surgical services department will include an outpatient admissions area and waiting room, three preoperative beds, two operating suites, an endoscopy room, four postoperative beds, central sterile facilities, nursing station, and physician and staff support.

Also included in phase one is the addition of 14 semiprivate inpatient beds. Two rooms will create a four bed Intermediate Care unit with a nursing substation between them.

Intermediate care is used when patients require a higher level of nursing care and supervision.

The capacity of the hospital when the project is complete will be 25 beds, 11 private beds and 14 semi private beds. This allows for the conversion of existing semiprivate rooms into private rooms by the hospital's construction department. Two rooms have been completed and are in use.

Phase two of the project will renovate and enlarge the Emergency Department to include two trauma rooms, four exam rooms, nursing station, waiting area, and triage room. Also included in phase two is renovation of the radiology, respiratory therapy, pharmacy, and linen storage. To better serve visitors and employees a dining area, hospital gift shop, and a larger visitor lobby are planned.