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CROSBY HOSPITAL TO RECEIVE STIMULUS FUNDS

Schneider: Energy impacted areas will benefit from Recovery Act

CROSBY, September 09, 2010— USDA Rural Development State Director Jasper Schneider, along with officials from St. Luke’s Hospital, and invited guests today are gathering to break ground for the construction of a multi-specialty medical building. The project is being funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act).



St. Luke’s Hospital officials and invited guests join North Dakota State Director Jasper Schneider for groundbreaking.

“Energy production has led to a growing population in the region and the new expansion to St. Luke’s Hospital will provide better access to vital medical services,” said Schneider. “The Recovery Act funds we are announcing today further demonstrate the Obama Administration’s unyielding efforts to improve the quality of life for rural residents by ensuring that rural communities benefit from quality public facilities such as schools, assisted living facilities, clinics, and hospitals.”

USDA Rural Development awarded St. Luke’s Hospital a Community Facilities direct loan for \$5,842,000 provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (stimulus funds) and a Community Facilities loan for \$1 million with a guarantee from First National Bank and Trust Company of Crosby. Total estimated project cost is \$7,582,916 with St. Luke’s providing \$740,916.

“Without USDA’s help with getting a stimulus loan, this project would never have gotten off the ground,” said Les Urvand, chief administrator at St. Luke’s Hospital.

The funding will be used for a 15,011 square-foot, one-story medical building, with a partial basement on the south side of the hospital. The first floor would house the clinic functions and will add eight new exam rooms, a procedure room, and more space for physical and occupational therapy. The waiting room and administration area will be shared for both the clinic and existing hospital. The basement would have mechanical and electrical space, meeting rooms, and storage space.



USDA Rural Development State Director Jasper Schneider presents an architectural rendering to board members of St. Luke’s Hospital.

The remodeling portion of the project is designed to bring all the functions of

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radiology, lab, and the emergency room together in close proximity to the east side of the existing hospital. By locating these functions together, the hospital and clinic will both have easy access to these services. A new 1,752 square-foot ambulance garage will also be constructed to serve the new emergency room.

The current hospital was built in 1964 and received its critical access certification in January of 2002. The new addition is expected to be completed within 12 months and the remodeling within 24 months, or sooner. Upon completion, residents will see their access to modern medical services grow substantially.

The Community Facilities program provides funds to build essential community facilities and provides fundamental equipment for these facilities in rural areas of population of 20,000 or less.

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