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The Neenan Company re-builds Kit Carson County Memorial

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Even middle-aged buildings can benefit from a nip, tuck and overall re-vitalization. Once the work is complete in September 2008, Kit Carson County Memorial Hospital will show off a new face and toned-up facilities for patients who enter the Critical Access Hospital located in Burlington, near the Kansas state line. The hospital's service area includes a population of approximately 8,650 residents. The Neenan Company, a Corporate Investing Member of the Colorado Rural Health Center, is the design-build firm for the project.

During the construction phase of the hospital renewal, which began in October, the facility will be transformed with the addition of 27,000 square-feet of new acute care space and another 2,200 square-feet of remodeled existing space.



Among other improvements, the hospital will offer the convenience of a new main entry with a covered patient drop off and easier close-in parking, common admitting for in- and out-patient services, private patient rooms, an expanded emergency department and improved and expanded out-patient healthcare and surgical services. In addition, the remodel will allow for better emergency cesarean care; higher quality diagnostic services; expanded laboratory facilities; more points of care for specialty physician visits; and

expanded surgical capacity to include two gastrointestinal procedure rooms and the separation of pediatric and adult patients within the surgical pre- and post-operative area.

Neenan project manager Michael Curtis heads the design-build project. "Our approach is to involve clients in the design-build aspects of their building from the very beginning so they and we have control over and can closely manage the costs of the construction project. We make a commitment to our client and to their community to build facilities that help support a healthy economic base in the community," Curtis says. He explains by providing expanded surgical services due to improved building design, Burlington can offer a higher level of patient care and safety and a broader range of services that might otherwise be sought from Front Range medical facilities and practitioners.

"The hospital board and administration believe the design-build solution that The Neenan Company developed can serve the healthcare needs of Kit Carson County for years to come without spending millions of dollars more for a replacement facility," said Jim Jordan, the hospital's chief executive officer. "The services of The Neenan Company, RLH Engineering (owner's representative), Stroudwater Associates and Red Capital Group proved to be invaluable to the hospital as they guided us through the process in a very unpredictable market environment."

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