

## **Building News - December 2006**

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### **Laredo Health Center Opens**

The new \$11 million, three-story, 64,000-sq.-ft. Gateway Community Health Center in Laredo more than doubles the health care capabilities for the region.

The center was needed to meet the challenge of providing quality, cost-effective medical care in the low-income, medically underserved area on the Texas-Mexico border. A 60 percent rise in patients since 2000 meant Gateway Community Health Center had outgrown its previous 28,000-sq.-ft. facility.

The Neenan Co., a Fort Collins, Colo.-based design-build firm, designed the center to accommodate the added demands of continued patient growth.

Ground was broken in August 2005. In July providers and staff started moving in. In late October, the Gateway Community Health Center showcased its new facility at an inaugural ceremony.