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Issue: Southeast Georgia Health System – Camden Campus Hospital Expansion Project

The Southeast Georgia Health System (SGHS) – Camden Campus, a 40-bed acute care facility located in St. Marys, GA is expanding and improving services by constructing a new two-story addition and renovating the existing building. The project upgrades facility infrastructure with construction of a free-standing central energy plant to centralize mechanical and electrical services.

The objective of this project is to expand and upgrade healthcare services, not increase bed space. Based on an analysis of current and anticipated healthcare needs, this expansion project is designed to meet the demands of our growing community, and to fill service gaps.

The new two-story addition will more than double the size of the existing facility. Expanded services include:

- Emergency Department
- Surgery Department: Expansion to 4 operating rooms
- Radiology Department: Women's Imaging, Mammography, Nuclear Medicine, Ultrasound, Bone Densitometry, MRI, CT Scanning, Radiography/Fluoroscopy
- Cardiopulmonary Department
- 23-Bed Medical-Surgical Unit
- 5-Bed Intensive Care Unit
- 12-Bed Maternity Center with two c-section rooms
- Outpatient Rehabilitative Services: Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy

Project Costs: The total project is estimated to cost \$29,415,517. The SGHS will finance the Camden project in part through the issuance of a portion of a \$94,000,000 tax-exempt bond issue; any balance will be paid utilizing SGHS operating funds.

Project Timeline: The project is expected to commence in the fall of 2006 and be completed within twenty-four months.

The project was originally scheduled to commence in the fall of 2005 but increases in projected construction costs beyond the approved budget required a design re-evaluation. A new architectural and construction approach is approved and design details are being finalized prior to construction.

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