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BOTHWELL REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER BREAKS GROUND ON MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING

SEDALIA – Bothwell Regional Health Center officials turned the first shovels of dirt Thursday evening to begin construction of a 56,787-square-foot medical office building.

The three-story medical office building will be connected to the west side of Bothwell Diagnostic Center-Winchester. Bothwell OB/GYN Associates, Missouri Heart Center and new physician practices will occupy space in the building.

“Today is a great day. While this building provides Bothwell OB/GYN with space to grow and strengthens our existing relationship with the Missouri Heart Center, it also is a tool to recruit the physicians we need in our community,” said Bothwell President and Chief Executive Officer John Dawes. “Physician recruitment has become very competitive, and to be able to provide new doctors with a state-of-the-art facility and convenient access to the services and technology in the Diagnostic Center will give us the edge we need.”

The third floor and a portion of the second floor will be left as shell space so that the offices can be completed based on the needs of newly recruited physicians. Bothwell OB/GYN Associates will move from its location in the 1700 block of South Ingram Avenue to occupy the first floor of the building. The OB/GYN practice has outgrown its existing space, and the facility is not equipped to handle needed technology upgrades.

Missouri Heart Center, a Columbia, Mo., based cardiology practice, will occupy part of the space on the second floor. This will include the practice of Dr. Henry Marquez, a Sedalia cardiologist already affiliated with Missouri Heart Center.

Excel Constructors, Overland Park, Kan., is the general contractor for the \$8.2 million project. ACI Boland, Kansas City, is the architect.

Construction of the medical office building is expected to take about a year to complete. The project will be financed by the \$18.3 million loan package the Board of Trustees approved in December. Excel Constructors is also the general contractor for the Canon Centers for Cancer and Cardiovascular Care at the main hospital campus.

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Bothwell Regional Health Center is a 180-bed regional health center serving west-central Missouri with state-of-the-art technology and comprehensive health and wellness services including surgical, cancer, orthopaedic, endovascular/cardiac, women's health, and therapy services. For more information on Bothwell Regional Health Center and its services, visit the website at www.brhc.org.