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Matthei & Colin Associates Presents *Takes the Wind Out of the Perfect Storm* at the Healthcare Engineering Society of Northern Illinois 2010 Annual Conference on May 6 in Downers Grove

CHICAGO, IL- Learning how to avoid problems is an essential key to saving money on construction costs and one topic of the many sessions at the Healthcare Engineering Society of Northern Illinois(HESNI) 5th Annual Conference. The session *Takes the Wind Out of the Perform Storm* will be held on May 6, 2010 at Aramark in Downers Grove, IL.

William W. Heun, AIA, partner at Matthei & Colin Associates, a healthcare architecture and planning firm, will present how careful planning and open communication strengthens the team and holds down the budget of the construction project. Three key objectives will be presented during this session, they are: how teamwork impacts time and money on construction cost, learn how tools effectively manage and avoid problems with the schedule, and how to build a resolution for a problem. The concept is to create responsive solutions to healthcare construction projects.

"The cost of time and money weighs heavily on teams and construction. These two items impact the overall success of a project and the hospital team-owner, designer, and construction managers. I have found it vital to establish roles, responsibilities, and acceptable ways of communicating early in the project to avoid problems and to control costs. When it is done well, everyone wins," said William W. Heun, AIA, partner at Matthei & Colin Associates.

This program will provide powerful take-away information and tools for healthcare engineers and decision-makers on 1) defining roles and relationships and 2) an approach for effective schedules and cost management.

HESNI will hold its 5th Annual Conference and Trade Show *Sustaining by Maintaining* on May 6-7, 2010 at Aramark located at 2300 Warrenville Road, Downers Grove, IL.

The Healthcare Engineers Society of Northern Illinois (HESNI) is the premiere resource for hospitals and their professional affiliates to develop solutions to local, regional, and national advocacy issues and to provide professional development, mentoring and networking to its membership. HESNI was founded in 2004 and is the legal, local affiliate chapter of the American Society of Engineers(ASHE).

For more information on the program and speakers, visit <http://www.hesni.org>.

Since 1974, Matthei & Colin Associates(M&CA) has specialized in planning and design of healthcare environments. M&CA is one of ten firms nationally who focus their entire resources to healthcare, and bring an unparalleled depth of experience to every project. Their mission is to deliver imaginative solutions that address both facilities and operational criteria, maximizing staffing, and functional efficiency. Visit their website at www.mca-architecture.com.

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