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Matthei & Colin Associates To Deliver Master Planning Program at the Healthcare Engineering Society of Northern Illinois April 2010 Meeting

CHICAGO, IL-Anticipating demographic growth prompted Palos Community Hospital to pursue a new master plan in 2006 with Navigant Consulting and Matthei & Colin Associates (M&CA), a healthcare architecture and planning firm. An overview of the master plan and relocation of the central plant are the key topics at the Healthcare Engineering Society of Northern Illinois(HESNI) April 15, 2010 program at Palos Community Hospital in Palos Heights, IL. HESNI's focus in 2010 is *Sustaining by Maintaining*.

"We developed a new facility master plan with the hospital team to sustain and support the hospital's future goals to remain competitive in their market area. As part of the new plan, the 2020 projections require a one million square foot facility, conversion to all-private patient room facility, and relocation of the central plant on the hospital campus. The central plant will be completed in mid- 2010 to allow for the construction of their primary focus, the 425,500 square foot clinical pavilion," said Leon H. Floerchinger, AIA, ACHA, partner at Matthei & Colin Associates.

M&CA will present the challenges of relocating a central plant, planning features that help to improve operational and clinical outcomes, and an overview of the master plan goals. The program will include a discussion of the central plant design by members of the engineering team, KJWW, and a tour of the central plant.

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 for Healthcare Engineering 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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