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Matthei & Colin Associates to Present *How Do You Deal with a Prolonged Delay of a Hospital Construction Project* at the Healthcare Facilities Symposium & Expo on September 20, 2011

Chicago, IL—[Matthei & Colin Associates](#) (M&CA) William W. Heun, [Meritus Medical Center's](#) Raymond A. Grahe, and [Gilbane Construction's](#) Tony Barton will provide solutions in the session *How To Manage a Delayed Hospital Construction Project* at the [Healthcare Facilities Symposium & Expo](#) in Chicago at 11:15AM-12:30PM on September 20, 2011.

“Now, more than ever, it is imperative that you have a clear understanding of healthcare construction projects and likely delays due to the challenging economy. It is not just about how to revive a delayed hospital construction project. We created solutions for the problems inherent in a project that suffered a long delay and then, it accelerated with a 33-month timeline,” said William W. Heun, AIA, partner at Matthei & Colin Associates. “We were successful in meeting the deadlines and adding new business units during construction,” he added.

This 75-minute session will identify the challenges and the inherent problems of prolonged delays, restarting a large construction project, and discuss budget and schedule challenges. Not only was the schedule accelerated; however, new business units needed to be added during construction which posed construction issues to the overall success of the project. Chief executive officers, chief operating officers, facility planners, construction professionals, and senior executives will obtain solutions for facility issues, CON, and adding new business entities during construction.

“Meritus Medical Center was able to renovate, redesign, and move forward with our construction while meeting CON requirements and challenging economic conditions after a prolonged hold which was important to us in serving the community,” said Raymond Grahe, vice president of finance, Meritus Medical Center.

The speakers will present how the hospital maintained a competitive advantage while they experienced delays with the construction project and managed tight capital at the same time.

Here is a [related article](#) on the Meritus Medical Center project— *Nurses Boost Design and Construction Team-New role as Clinical Construction Coordinator*.

[Meritus Medical Center](#), located in Hagerstown, MD, completed its largest construction project in 100 years and opened its doors to the community. The new 500,000 square feet, 267-single bed facility on a new campus has the latest in digital information and imaging applications, in addition, to more efficient department adjacencies and internal organization. Meritus Health, which owns the new non-profit hospital, fulfilled its promise to the community.

The [Healthcare Facilities Symposium & Expo](http://www.hcarefacilities.com/) , in its 24th year, is the original event that brings together the entire team who designs, plans, constructs and manages healthcare facilities. The Symposium is the forum where leaders share ideas on healthcare delivery improvement and how the physical space directly impacts the staff, patients, and their families. The Healthcare Facilities Symposium & Expo will be held at Navy Pier in Chicago, IL from September 20-22, 2011. For more information, visit <http://www.hcarefacilities.com/>.

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