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***How Do You Deal with a Prolonged Delay of a Hospital Construction Project Will Provide Key Solutions at Kansas City Area Healthcare Engineers (KCAHE) Meeting on November 8, 2011***

***Taking the Wind Out of the Perfect Storm***

Chicago, IL—[Matthei & Colin Associates](#) (M&CA) William W. Heun will present *How To Manage a Delayed Hospital Construction Project (Taking the Wind Out of the Perfect Storm)* at the [Kansas City Area Healthcare Engineers](#)(KCAHE) meeting which will be held at St. Mary's Medical Center in Blue Springs, MO (near Kansas City) at 11:00am on November 8, 2011.

William Heun, AIA, will present how hospitals, like [Meritus Medical Center](#), can maintain a competitive advantage, manage tight capital at the same time, and deliver the project on-time. This project was completed in 33-months after several delays over a four-year period. This “perfect storm” is likely to be more common with today’s economic conditions and hospital teams can learn valuable lessons here. Everyone on the team was needed to make this project a success with all of its challenges. New business units and updated technology had to be added during the construction period requiring careful coordination and cost control which was managed by [Matthei & Colin Associates](#) and [Gilbane Building Company](#).

[Meritus Medical Center](#), located in Hagerstown, MD, built the Hospital's largest construction project in 100 years. 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.

This program will provide solutions for chief executive officers, chief operating officers, facility planners, construction professionals, and senior executives on how to add new business entities during construction and manage capital budgets after a prolonged delay. “We worked closely to unite resources to meet the demands of building a new hospital after the long delay and quality was a top consideration here. We learned what to do and avoid from this experience,” said William W. Heun, AIA, partner at Matthei & Colin Associates.

The [Kansas City Area Healthcare Engineers](#) (KCAHE) is the metro chapter of ASHE. Their membership represents hospitals and their environments of care staff in the Kansas City metropolitan area, and includes members from the states of Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri. They strongly support the efforts of ASHE and the Kansas and Missouri Hospital Associations, and have established an educational program that includes technical topics as well as business management skills. [More information and to register>](#)

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