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**SAINT FRANCIS EARNS *ENERGY STAR*® MARK**

**FOR SUPERIOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

***Prestigious Designation Awarded to Hospital for Third Time***

(HARTFORD, Conn.) – Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center has again earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) prestigious *ENERGY STAR*®, the national symbol for superior efficiency and environmental protection. This signifies that the Hospital’s energy performance continues to rate in the top 25 percent of facilities nationwide.

Saint Francis had previously been awarded the *ENERGY STAR* label in 2003 and again in 2006.

“We are gratified to accept this latest *ENERGY STAR* in recognition of Saint Francis’ continuing energy efficiency efforts,” said Christopher M. Dadlez, President and Chief Executive Officer. “Through this achievement, we have demonstrated the Hospital’s long-standing commitment to environmental stewardship while also lowering energy costs.”

Commercial buildings that earn the *ENERGY STAR* use an average of 40 percent less energy than comparable buildings and also release 35 percent less carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

“We have devoted extensive efforts to making our facilities as energy efficient as possible and are committed to continuing these initiatives in the future,” said Robert Falaguerra, Vice President for Facilities, Support Services and Construction. “In addition to employing state-of-the-art technology, we are equally dedicated to energy efficient operations.”

Saint Francis improved its energy performance through investing \$3,250,000 in energy conservation projects in 2007 and 2008. These projects included a power factor improvement on the Hospital’s North Campus, HVAC control and a comprehensive lighting upgrade project on

both the Saint Francis and north campuses, and upgrading lower-efficiency boilers in certain buildings. Grants totaling \$1 million helped to offset part of the cost of the projects.

*ENERGY STAR* was introduced by the EPA in 1992 as a voluntary, market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency. Today, the *ENERGY STAR* label can be found on more than 50 different kinds of products, new homes, and commercial and industrial buildings. Products and buildings that have earned the *ENERGY STAR* designation reduce greenhouse gas emissions by meeting strict energy-efficiency specifications set by the government.

Founded in 1897, Saint Francis is a major teaching hospital licensed for 617 acute inpatient beds and 65 bassinets. It is the largest Catholic hospital in New England.