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SAINT FRANCIS RECEIVES TWO DESIGN CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

Innovation + Learning Center is honored for excellence

(Hartford, CT, February 14, 2014) – Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center received an *Excellence in Construction Award* and the *People’s Choice Award* from the Connecticut Association of Builders and Contractors for the *Innovation + Learning Center* at Saint Francis.

The 13,500 square-foot *Innovation + Learning Center* is home to the *Connecticut Institute for Primary Care Innovation* and was designed by S/L/A/M Construction Services of Glastonbury.

The space includes a collaborative theater to support teaching and training for clinicians and their teams; a simulation studio with a flexible floor plan for patient flow and office re-design analyses, as well as simulations to improve procedural skills, communication and teamwork; multiple locations for interactive learning, debriefing, and high-definition video-conferencing.

The awards were presented at the 12th Annual Excellence in Construction Awards ceremony at the AquaTurf in Southington with over 600 industry professionals in attendance.

“This award from the Connecticut Association of Builders and Contractors recognizes Saint Francis’ commitment to providing top-quality care in buildings and facilities,” said Bob Falaguerra, Vice President, Facilities. “The *Innovation + Learning Center* provides high-tech space where we can focus on the healthcare needs of patients today, and into the future.”

“Our state-of-the-art *Innovation + Learning Center* allows us to conduct frontline research on healthcare delivery systems, develop partnerships, and optimize educational opportunities for both trainees and current providers,” said Gregory Makoul, Ph.D., Senior Vice President, Chief Innovation Officer, Chief Academic Officer. “The features built into this facility help us achieve those goals.”

“SLAM’s ‘Integrated Project Delivery’ process was ideally suited for this project,” said Bob Pulito, AIA, President, The S/L/A/M Collaborative. “Our mission to develop a one-of-a-kind, technically sophisticated facility, on an accelerated schedule, required a delivery process that would allow the design to evolve throughout the construction phase. Working with Greg, Bob and the others at Saint Francis, our team of designers and constructors was able to continuously develop and adjust the design to incorporate the latest technologies and innovations right up to final completion and occupancy. This integrated approach and seamless collaboration contributed to a wonderful facility and made for an extremely rewarding team experience.”

The annual CTABC awards event honors construction companies and subcontractors who performed work on outstanding construction projects. The *Excellence in Construction* winners

are projects submitted to this annual competition and judged by an independent panel of judges which include architects, engineers and university professionals. Project submittals must adhere to rigorous application requirements for consideration of the year's top honors. Contractors must not only demonstrate outstanding quality in construction and references from the project owner, but also rigorous safety performance.

Pictured (L-R): Scott Herold, Macri Associates; Robert Falaguerra, Vice President, Facilities, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center; Robert Pulito, President, The S/L/A/M Collaborative; Peter Morgan, The S/L/A/M Collaborative ; Eugene Torone, SLAM C.S.; Melissa Sheffy, Network Interiors; Ron Cordeau , C&H Electric; Guy Pratte, Network Interiors; Chip Lawrence, Network Interiors; Dave Thompson, Allstate Fire Protection; and Steve Collins, CES.

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About Saint Francis Care

Saint Francis *Care* is an integrated healthcare delivery system established by Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, an anchor institution in north central Connecticut since 1897. Licensed for 617 beds and 65 bassinets, it is a major teaching hospital and the largest Catholic hospital in New England. Other major entities of Saint Francis *Care* include The Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital, the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute, the Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute of Connecticut, the Saint Francis/Mount Sinai Regional Cancer Center, the Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Center for Comprehensive Multiple Sclerosis Care and Neuroscience Research, and Saint Francis Health*Care* Partners. Johnson Memorial Medical Center, parent organization of Johnson Memorial Hospital, Evergreen Health Care Center, and Home and Community Health Services is also a Saint Francis *Care* Partner. Saint Francis *Care*'s services are supported by a network of seven major Access Centers and eight additional medical office centers sited throughout the region. For more information, visit www.stfranciscare.com.