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## Cornerstone Construction Group awarded contract from significant So CA healthcare system

**Cornerstone team praised for cleanliness and sterility of its work sites by healthcare professionals**

**Los Angeles:** A major Southern California healthcare provider has retained the services of Cornerstone Construction Group ([www.cornerstonecg.com](http://www.cornerstonecg.com)) to construct patient information stations in every area of the medical facility where patient care takes place—from admitting to patient rooms to operating suites to emergency care and every place in between.

The objective is to improve patient care through improved access to patient information. All patient information can be accessed and new patient data can be entered quickly at patient information stations throughout the health care environment. Instantly, patient records will be updated and made available to any other health professional with access to the centralized data base.

This construction is part of The Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act, a component of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This Act provides some \$30 billion over six years to support the adoption of electronic health records (EHRs) across the country. In California, the funding could add up to more than \$3 billion.

Healthcare organizations are hoping that the installation of this equipment will:

- lower health care costs
- reduce medical errors
- improve point-of-contact care
- improve access to data, such as health care IT, that enhances health care intelligence programs
- improve quality of care
- influence medication safety gains.

Challenges facing the medical center in setting up this project included finding pre-qualified construction crews that were experienced enough to work in and around ongoing patient care. Department heads had to be contacted and scheduled. Construction crews had to work



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12 hours a day—not eight. Environments had to be contained and delivered fully sterile—called a *terminal clean*. A *terminal clean* sterilizes every part of a specific area before patient-care can resume in that area.

Competing against three other construction firms for the work in this well-respected So CA healthcare system, Cornerstone Construction Group has worked in off-hours 12 hours a day and 6 days per week minimum in order to meet the required time schedule. They have actually completed the entire project, including the final connections to the IDF rooms—with three weeks to spare while coordinating each step of the way with patient care leadership in each department.

Currently, Cornerstone is coordinating with the software/hardware team which is in validation mode to confirm infrastructure is in place and nothing needs to be added so they can begin programming.

Other So CA hospitals working to install similar systems have complained that their construction crews have been behind. To turn in the exemplary early time-frame schedule, Cornerstone deployed a separate team dedicated to the infection-control cleaning portion of this work—keeping life safety issues front and center.

They created a “relay team” of sorts with the demo guys, framer, electrician, dry-walling teams working together seamlessly—working one after another, taking responsibility for each area as a team—never pointing fingers at the “other guy”. Other contractors have not followed the rigorous cleaning measures that Cornerstone has.



Healthcare professionals at Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center San Pedro have complimented the Cornerstone team for the precautions taken—saying they have experienced zero infection problems during the construction period.

Cornerstone Construction Group also believes in cross-training its workers. Unlike some construction crews who stick with singular discipline workers, when a Cornerstone framer finishes his task ahead of time, he can join another team that might be involved in a different task—say dry-walling—and assist them in completing the work ahead of schedule.

Because the workers are cross-trained, this flexibility aids in faster completion times.

Linda Braden, CEO of The Cornerstone Construction Group, stated, “We are thankful for the privilege we have had in playing this important role in improving patient care throughout a facility—and equally thankful to our

construction workers for the flexibility and commitment they have demonstrated throughout this project.”

### **ABOUT CORNERSTONE CONSTRUCTION GROUP**

Started 29 years ago in Redondo Beach by Vic Braden and his wife, Linda, The Cornerstone Construction Group is a family-owned and operated construction business specializing in healthcare, commercial and facility services. The management team was completed when their daughter, Stella, joined in 1999 and son V.J. joined in 2008.

The family manifests a strong desire to invest in the continued development of Redondo Beach and over the years, they have spent their spare time and company resources helping their local community.

