



Tower General Selected to Construct \$80 Million Addition to Huntington Hospital in Pasadena

Project Latest in Long List of Healthcare Construction for Tower

Los Angeles Ca.— Tower General Contractors, the largest minority-owned general contractor in Los Angeles County, was selected to expand the emergency facilities at Huntington Hospital in Pasadena, Ca. The \$80 Million ground up project will begin at the end of 2008 and take three years to complete. The expansion will cover 80,000 square feet and be four stories high.

Tower will be constructing the addition to Huntington Hospital using a three-dimensional, real-time, dynamic building modeling software called BIM, which stands for Building Imaging Modeling. Building Image Modeling has long been used in the aerospace industry. Companies such as Boeing have used the technology to design and build their aircraft. The use of BIM in construction has proven to be an enormous asset, particularly in hospitals.

Nato Flores, President of Tower explains, "BIM allows us to create a digital model of the structure before we even put a shovel in the ground. Using BIM will help us see and solve systems-integration problems before we start construction. This has the effect of eliminating potential change orders caused by conflicts, not only between the various trades but also within the design itself. It also has the added benefit of reducing the time lost in solving these problems during construction.

Huntington Hospital is a 636-bed, not-for-profit community hospital. Founded in 1892, Huntington has the only trauma center in the region. In addition, Huntington offers women's and children's services, state-of-the art orthopedic surgery, in-and out-patient psychiatric services and the Huntington Senior Care Network.

"Tower is pleased to be providing such a vital expansion to Huntington Hospital," commented Alex Guerrero, Executive Vice-President of Tower General Contractors. "Tower's extensive expertise and experience in the healthcare sector are essential in completing this project on time and on budget. We are proud to be working for such a historic hospital in California."