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## **Hackley to Bring Ambulatory Services to Growing Lakes Mall Area**

Rockford Development to Build Medical Campus

*MUSKEGON, Mich., Oct. 6, 2004*– Hackley Hospital in conjunction with Rockford Development Group announced plans for development of a comprehensive ambulatory medical facility on Harvey Street (south of Farr Road) near Lakes Mall in the city of Norton Shores. The proposed plans include Rockford Development Group’s acquiring and optioning up to 30 acres of property for an initial two-story, 60,000-square-foot ambulatory office structure, with future complementary buildings to be developed on the site as services are needed.

According to Gordon Mudler, president and CEO of Hackley Health, “Rockford’s vision of developing a medical park setting at this location fits perfectly in our strategic plan to find new ways to offer greater access for our patients. The site is in the hub of a growing population in southern Muskegon County. Many of our physicians already serve patients from this region and this is a tremendous opportunity for physicians to get closer to their patients.”

Rockford is a Michigan leader in the development and construction of medical service buildings and health care facilities. The company’s health care developments include

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hospital construction, free-standing ambulatory sites, diagnostic centers and medical office buildings of all sizes. “Hackley will become the anchor in this new campus and offer a variety of ancillary, ambulatory services designed to meet the local needs of the community,” said Mike Maier, president of Rockford Development Group. “We will continue to add other facilities designed to complement Hackley’s plans while increasing the convenience of local health care access for the community.

While final details are being worked through, Hackley is looking to bring together urgent care, physician offices, laboratory, radiology, physical therapy, and specialty women’s medical and lifestyle services, all at one convenient location. “Our plans will be to continue to assess the needs of the local population and design the services around a multiple, integrated health-care model,” said Mudler.

Rockford expects to break ground in early 2005 with phase one of the project.

Hackley Hospital is a 181-bed, acute-care, community not-for-profit hospital that houses the lakeshore’s only comprehensive cancer treatment center, an emergency department serving 58,000 persons annually, a 27-bed inpatient psychiatric unit and the area’s largest occupational health center. It is part of Hackley Health that consists of a primary care network, home nursing agency, outpatient behavioral health and substance abuse treatment organization, Lakeshore Community Hospital in Shelby and health care-related for-profit activities. Hackley Health employs approximately 2,000 persons.

Hackley Hospital has won numerous awards for its quality health care services, including the 1996 Michigan Quality Leadership Award, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Innovators Award from 3M and the Healthcare Forum, 100 Top Regional Hospital recognition and the 2003 Governor’s Award for Improving Care in the Hospital and Emergency Department Settings. In January 2001, the system became a member of Spectrum Health of Grand Rapids, Mich.

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Rockford Development Group offers a full range of services including property development and management, joint ventures, land acquisition, zoning and municipal approvals, financing and real estate brokerage.

Today, Rockford Companies includes Rockford Construction Company, Inc. and Rockford Development Group, L.L.C. Known simply as Rockford, the organization has more than 150 employees and locations in Belmont and downtown Grand Rapids. Currently, Rockford is building facilities in 12 states throughout the Midwest.

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