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### **Blessing Health System celebrates 2020 AGC Keystone Awards**

**Quincy, IL, 7/01/2021** -- Blessing Health System of Quincy, IL and Russell-HBD Construction were recognized for the construction of the health system's new facility, the Blessing Health Center 4800 Maine. Blessing Health Center 4800 Maine was submitted as a contender for the Keystone Awards within the Mid America Class organized by The Associated General Contractors of America (AGC). This competition celebrates contractors that complete high quality work within an excellent time frame, regardless of issues that may arise during the different phases of construction.

Blessing Health Center 4800 Maine is an 83,000 square foot, state of the art outpatient medical services facility located on a seven acre site. This building gives patients a new level of comfort and convenience. This facility blends trend-setting architecture with patient care services that remain unmatched throughout the city of Quincy, IL. Russell-HBD led the design over a nine month process that provided routine pricing updates to ensure the design remained within the owner's budget.

"Another major hurdle was the number of changes directed by us, the owner. The project was ever-evolving, not a standard in our industry. It is common to have some changes, but we were moving complete departments around frequently, complicating construction and financial management," said Damion Dodd, Director and Construction Manager for Blessing Health System. "I admired how Russell-HBD stood with us to find a way to keep the cost of the change in alignment with the amount budgeted. This was one of many actions by Russell-HBD that demonstrated to Blessing the fact it did not hire a company to build its medical office building, but found a partner to help reach its goal."

Russell-HBD's construction efforts included extensive site work, unique interior and exterior building finishes, hospital grade MEPF systems, technology integrated furniture and medical equipment. All of these factors have contributed to a facility that gives the staff all it needs to provide the best services available. The new building is comprised of nine (9) individual specialty patient care departments. The building also offers imaging services (MRI, CT & X-ray), a laboratory, retail space, restaurant space and office space.

Blessing Health Center 4800 Maine was entered in the 2020 Keystone Award competition for projects valued between \$10 - \$30 MM and finished in second place, a remarkable achievement for Blessing Health System and Russell-HBD Construction. The field for this award was incredibly competitive and featured multi-million dollar projects from 38 companies throughout the 48 contiguous states.

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