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BERNARDS / COLOMBO BREAKING GROUND ON NEW HOSPITAL IN TEHACHAPI, CA

(Tehachapi, CA – January 22, 2013) – Bernards, a nationally ranked commercial builder in its 40th year serving the Southwest, and Colombo Construction Company Inc., a provider of building construction services throughout Southern and Central California for over 60 years, are about to break ground as joint venture partners to provide construction management services for a new hospital in Tehachapi, California for the Tehachapi Health Care District.

Designed by Stephen Wen of SWA Architects, the new $56-million, 25-bed, 78,979-square-foot facility will replace the existing hospital, which does not meet the current California Seismic Safety Standards. The new hospital will be located about two miles from the present facility. Construction will begin in February 2013 and the project is slated for completion in 2015.

The Tehachapi Health Care District Hospital, which is designated as a critical-access rural facility, offers acute care and outpatient services and operates rural clinics in Tehachapi and Mojave. It is the only hospital within a 50-mile radius.

“We are pleased that the Tehachapi Health Care District has chosen Bernards / Colombo JV to build the new replacement hospital for the Tehachapi community,” said Greg Simons, Executive Vice President in Bernards’ Los Angeles office. “This new state-of-the-art facility will provide a safe, aesthetically pleasing environment for patients, healthcare professionals and visitors and serve this community well for many years to come.”

About Bernards
Founded in 1974, Bernards is a nationally ranked, multidisciplinary commercial builder that provides technical expertise and outstanding professional services to developers, corporations, educational institutions and public agencies. Areas of expertise include comprehensive preconstruction, general contracting, construction management, program management, design-build, building information modeling (BIM), integrated project delivery (IPD) services, which integrate sustainable building practices. Bernards’ projects include sports and entertainment venues, health care facilities, mixed-use complexes, multifamily housing, educational, detention, and civic facilities. Bernards maintains a continual focus on safety, quality, sustainability, diversity and community involvement. Bernards has regional offices throughout the Southwest and employs more than 250 professionals, many of them LEED® accredited. For more information, visit www.bernards.com.

Colombo Construction Company
For over 63 years, Colombo Construction Company, Inc. has successfully performed general building construction and construction management throughout Southern and Central California. Colombo’s experience includes delivery of projects under construction management, design-build, lease-leaseback, and design-bid-build approaches. Colombo is currently working on projects for Memorial Hospital and several school projects in the Kern and Los Angeles County Areas. Colombo brings local resources to the Tehachapi Hospital project, including project superintendents, many of whom have over 30 years of construction experience. Colombo’s valuable staff resources provide expertise and continuity on all Colombo construction projects. Colombo is pleased to work with Bernards and the staff at the Tehachapi Healthcare District to build this much needed Hospital for the Tehachapi Community. For more information about Colombo Construction Company, visit www.colomboconstruction.com.