

## **News Advisory**



### **WHEFA Bond Financing to Help Oconto Hospital & Medical Center, Inc. Renovate and Expand**

#### **Project Overview**

Bond financing facilitated by the Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority (WHEFA) will help Oconto Hospital & Medical Center, Inc. pay costs associated with a 44,000 square foot expansion for lab and therapy departments, additional outpatient service areas, new inpatient rooms, new surgical suites and related improvements.

The Hospital is a critical access, general medical and surgical hospital in Oconto, Wisconsin. The Hospital offers a broad range of services including 24/7 emergency department, urgent care services, inpatient and observation care, 32-slice CT, x-ray, ultrasound, sleep studies, physical therapy, IV infusion and respite care.

This federally tax exempt financing process has enabled the Hospital to operate more effectively by financing their capital expenses at a lower interest rate (3.85%).

#### **Benefits to Borrower and Community (as written by the borrower)**

The expanded facilities at Hospital will benefit the residents of Oconto and surrounding communities by providing improved local services, including additional primary care physicians and specialists who will practice onsite and expanded therapy, imaging and lab services. In addition, the facility will add three operating rooms which will provide the ability to perform surgical services for general, orthopedic, otolaryngology, gastroenterology and ophthalmology procedures. These services will save many residents the need for a 40+ mile drive to Green Bay for medical care. In addition, the expanded facilities will be integrated with Bellin Health, through the use of telemedicine and electronic medical records, offering the best treatment when the specialized services of Bellin Health are required. The Oconto community's strong support for this expansion is demonstrated by the Oconto Memorial Hospital Citizens Foundation's commitment of \$1.5 million toward the project.

#### **About WHEFA**

WHEFA, created by Wisconsin state statute 231, has been providing active capital finance assistance to 501(c)(3) healthcare providers and private higher education institutions throughout Wisconsin for 32 years. As of June 30, 2011, WHEFA has participated in 656 bond issues in excess of \$16.56 billion over its 32 year history.

For more information regarding WHEFA, please visit our website at <http://whefa.com/> or contact Larry Nines, Executive Director at (262) 792-0466.

## Healthy Hospitals. Healthy Communities.

Oconto Hospital & Medical Center's projected impact on the community.



Oconto Hospital & Medical Center provides access to vital health care services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, and projects to serve approximately 16,000 patients upon completion of the expansion.

In addition to providing quality health care, Oconto Hospital & Medical Center also contributes to the local economy through the people we directly employ, the goods and services we purchase, and the taxes we pay. Oconto Hospital & Medical Center supports other local businesses through “multiplier effects” that are generated in three ways:

- The hospital’s purchases create industry revenues for local businesses and “indirect” jobs and income for their employees.
- Employee purchases generate “induced” income and jobs for other businesses in the community.
- Wages and salaries are subject to federal, state, and local taxes.

### What is Oconto Hospital & Medical Center’s impact on the community?

- Provides jobs for 84 hospital workers, and supports an additional 35 jobs created indirectly through hospital purchases, and 30 jobs induced through hospital employee economic activity for a total of 149 jobs.
- Accounts for nearly \$26 million in economic activity. The direct effect of Oconto Hospital & Medical Center’s \$15 million includes revenues from services provided by the hospital.
- Contributes \$15 million in total income to the community.

Oconto Hospital & Medical Center also offers an array of special programs and activities to help meet the community’s broader health and social needs. Our community programs include:

- Educational outreach, health screenings, and support groups.
- Free clinics and vaccinations.

### Projected Job Impact of Oconto Hospital & Medical Center

Direct Jobs	84
Indirect Jobs	35
Induced Jobs	30
<b>Total Jobs</b>	<b>149</b>

### Projected Impact of Oconto Hospital & Medical Center on Local Economy

#### Revenue

Direct Impact	15,348,672
Indirect Impact	5,679,009
Induced Impact	4,604,602
<b>Total Impact</b>	<b>25,632,282</b>

#### Projected Labor Income

Direct Impact	5,556,027
Indirect Impact	2,000,170
Induced Impact	1,444,567
<b>Total Impact</b>	<b>9,000,764</b>

#### Projected Total Income

Direct Impact	7,424,986
Indirect Impact	3,712,493
Induced Impact	3,341,244
<b>Total Impact</b>	<b>14,478,723</b>