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University General Hospital Systems and Alliance Development Group Sign \$1 Billion US Dollar Healthcare Facilities Development Agreement

HOUSTON, TX – (BUSINESSWIRE) – December 1, 2006 – **Houston-based University General Hospital Systems has signed a \$1 Billion US Dollar agreement with Charlotte, NC-based Alliance Development Group to jointly develop ten physician-owned acute-care hospital facilities across the country. The two parties were brought together by First MidAmerica Investment Corporation. Terms of the strategic alliance agreement were not disclosed.**

“University General Hospital, located near the Texas Medical Center area, has shown to be a proven business model, taking healthcare to a new level,” says Kamran Nezami, CEO and president of University General Hospital Systems. “University General Hospital Systems is dedicated to providing the highest quality and cost effective healthcare services to the communities we serve. Our goal is to create a healing environment through excellence in patient care, positive attitudes, and the energetic spirit of every one of our employees. We endeavor to be the premier provider of hospital services while utilizing technological advances in healthcare in an environment that is both physically and emotionally nurturing.”

The flagship facility in Houston features the latest advances in medical technology and five-star service associated with luxury hotels. The facility was designed to suit the most exacting requirements of surgical procedures and medical treatments.

“We think the University General Hospital healthcare model is sound and can be placed in many more markets. Our expertise in locating and purchasing the right property, as well as building and outfitting healthcare facilities will allow us to move rapidly into new markets,” says W. J. “Bill” Burk, president of Alliance Development Group. “Our approach will be to build additional physician-owned acute care facilities, taking the vision of University General Hospital Systems to fruition.”

University General Hospital Systems currently has plans to break ground on another physician-owned hospital in Houston’s Chinatown area, with additional markets such as Dallas, Denver, Phoenix, and others to follow. The joint development agreement with Alliance Development Group will put the hospital system initially in ten markets across the country. Information about University General Hospital Systems may be found online at www.universitygeneralhospitalsystems.com.

Alliance Development Group is a national real estate services company that provides multiple commercial development services to a variety of markets, including healthcare, casual dining, banking and others. It offers both Build-to-Suit and Sale Leaseback programs to help companies pursue growth strategies without capital limitations and long-term debt challenges. Information about Alliance Development Group may be found at www.goaddg.com.