

AVRP Skyport Studios and Design-Build Team Break Ground on Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center Tower

Sharp HealthCare Makes Unprecedented Investment in New Hospital Tower

San Diego, CA, **November 15, 2016** –AVRP Skyport Studios is pleased to announce that the \$244 million Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center tower has broken ground. The design-build team including Hensel Phelps, SmithGroupJJR, and AVRP Skyport Studios gathered on November 10, 2016 to recognize the construction milestone of the seven-story tower. The tower is being built on an approximately 1-acre lot along the northeastern edge of the hospital campus, connecting to the existing hospital on its first and second floors. The new Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center tower is Sharp HealthCare’s largest single investment to date.

The 197,000-square-foot tower will feature 138 private patient rooms including 10 intensive care rooms, five surgical suites, a new main entrance and lobby, a rooftop café with panoramic views, and space for support services. Additionally, there will be one unique hybrid operating room, where state-of-the-art diagnostic imaging instruments will be integrated into the procedure room. This will allow surgeons to collaborate with other specialists during surgery, and make assessments using real-time images. The project is being funded through donations, bonds, cash reserves, and the Medi-Cal Hospital Fee Program. The grand opening of the new Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center tower is anticipated in 2019.

Christopher T. Veum, AAIA, IIDA, President of AVRP, states, “We are so pleased to a part of the Sharp Chula Vista story—where the facility has grown from a small community hospital to a state-of-the-art healthcare center for the people of South Bay. We couldn’t be more thrilled to be a part of the team helping to bring outstanding, patient-centered care to this community.”

About AVRP Skyport Studios

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