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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Re: Permit Renewal Request - Project #12-011

Dear Ms. Avery:

On behalf of Rush University Medical Center ("Rush"), I am submitting this first permit renewal request for the above referenced project. The current permit is set to expire on June 30, 2016 and Rush requests that the permit be renewed through December 31, 2017.

The status of the project is as follows: 5 Atrium, 8 Atrium, 7 South and 9 South Atrium renovations have been completed, which represents 74 percent of the total project. The following components of the project remain to be completed: 6 Kellogg, 7N and 9N Atrium renovations. To date \$36,635,208.93 has been spent on the project.

As originally planned, this project was designed to renovate Rush's Pediatric Unit within the Kellogg Building at 1715 W. Congress Pkwy. While it was our intention to complete this project by the June 30, 2016 deadline, two events occurred which resulted in a schedule delay.

First, due to concerns over patient safety arising from an adjacent demolition project, the Pediatric/Adolescent unit had to be temporarily relocated from 5 Pavilion to 7 South Atrium after that unit was renovated. This has put the 7 North and 9 North Atrium renovations on hold until 6 Kellogg renovation is completed and the Pediatric/Adolescent unit is relocated from 7 South Atrium to 6 Kellogg.

In addition, Rush hired a new Chair of the Pediatric Department in February of 2015. As such, we thought it prudent to delay construction pending the review and approval of the project by the new Chair. Following this review, we decided to alter our initial plans such that we would reduce the number of pediatric beds from 22 to 20 (the HFSRB was notified of this change) thus permitting us to substantially increase the size of two rooms, a concept we deem very beneficial to the project. While significant to our project, these changes will permit the Pediatric Unit to

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remain on the same floor as initially planned and there is no change to the GSF or cost associated with this Unit or the overall project.

The project's cost and scope are in compliance with the original permit and the approved alteration on this project. I am submitting the permit renewal fee with this request.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


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