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New CHW hospital planned for Surprise

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Catholic Healthcare West is planning to build a hospital and medical center at Westcor's Prasada in Surprise.

According to an announcement Friday from Catholic Healthcare West, the organization plans to acquire a 45-acre parcel in the Prasada development. CHW has signed a letter of intent with the landowner and said the development will be done in phases, and construction could begin during the first phase of Westcor's development.

"We're grinning from ear to ear!" said Surprise City Manager Jim Rumpeltes, reacting to news of the proposed hospital.

Prasada is expected to create more than 20,000 jobs and generate billions of dollars in economic activity in Surprise, he said.

Prasada is a 4,200-acre master-planned development along Loop 303 between Waddell and Cactus roads in Surprise. Within that project will be 800 acres dedicated for neighborhood and power centers, an auto mall and other retail and commercial uses.

Phoenix-based Westcor has a portfolio of 18 million square feet of retail space at 39 shopping centers, including 11 super-regional centers, three specialty retail centers and 22 urban villages.

San Francisco-based Catholic Healthcare West operates St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center and Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix, as well as East Valley facilities Chandler Regional Medical Center and Mercy Gilbert Medical Center.

For more: www.prasada.com, www.westcor.com, www.surpriseaz.com, www.chw.edu.

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