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February 23, 2012

Ms. Courtney R. Avery

Administrator

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 W. Jefferson, 2nd Floor

Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Support of Project No. 11-112, Edward Hospital - Naperville

CISCO Supports Edward Hospital Addition in Naperville

The Construction Industry Service Corporation **strongly urges** you to approve Edward Hospital's plan to construct a \$63.7 million building to provide space for additional intensive care beds, medical surgical beds and a physical therapy gym in Naperville, Illinois. This new, two-story addition will help accommodate the demand for healthcare services in the Naperville area.

The positive impact to the region will be felt in many ways. The project will bring work to hundreds of construction workers, will employ additional healthcare professionals, and will have a positive impact on the local, regional and state economy.

According to a recently issued report by the Illinois Hospital Association, Illinois' 200 hospitals and health systems generate a total annual impact of \$78.7 billion to the state's economy. Edward Hospital's plan will continue to provide both needed healthcare services and add to already significant economic growth in the state.

In today's economic environment, this project couldn't have come at a better time. It serves the following needs: **Stimulating the economy, creating jobs and providing a quality healthcare facility** to an area that needs **improved access**. Based on all of these factors, this is the ideal project for the leadership of the Review Board to recommend.

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As a key stakeholder, the Construction Industry Service Corporation (CISCO) is a non-profit labor management association that represents 140,000 union construction workers and 8,000 contractors in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake and McHenry Counties.

I am sure that you are aware that the economic downturn has had a devastating effect on the construction industry as unemployment is currently running between 30% - 40% for workers in the building trades. It is also no secret that Illinois has lost more than 200,000 jobs.

What an opportunity you possess to continue to lead the state's recovery efforts. This project will have a positive impact on our regional community, strengthening the state's quality of life, bolstering our economy, and providing opportunity and hope to distressed workers.

On behalf of CISCO and its Board of Directors, we thank you for your vigilance to this project, and for your courage in making a conscientious decision that will impact the future of so many others.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Brining", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Brining

Executive Director

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