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CHAPTER EXCELLENCE IN CONSTRUCTION PYRAMID AWARD WINNER

SANFORD MEDICAL CENTER

CLIENT: *Sanford Medical Center* ***LOCATION:*** *Thief River Falls, MN* ***TIME FRAME:*** *26 Months*
GENERAL CONTRACTOR: *Nor-Son, Inc.*

As the development of medical technology continues to explode on a daily, if not on an hourly basis, with new innovative ways to diagnosis, treat and stabilize diseases, the medical community must continue to be proactive to maintain the constant advancement and change to technology. Not only does the medical community need to be conscious of the increasingly rapid technology advancements, but understand how can they best serve the communities they are located in—whether the community is in the Metro Area or in the rural areas of the state/country.

In June of 2012, Sanford Health began to melt technology and community needs together by breaking ground for the new Sanford Medical Center in Thief River Falls, MN. Sanford said, "This is a state-of-the-art facility equipped with the most advanced technology in a 25-bed critical access hospital and clinic with more than 30 specialties. Now, families living in and near Thief River Falls do not have to travel far to get expert care and a broad range of services in one place." The population can now be served in their own town for simple services to more complex services in specialized areas of medicine.

Willmar Electric Service had the privilege to partner with the general contractor, Nor-Son to complete the electrical installation on the new Sanford Medical Center and Clinic in Thief River Falls, MN. Willmar Electric was required to address special circumstances with innovative ideas and tactics in order to effectively accomplish the final goal: providing a state-of-the-art medical facility that provides the technology needed to meet the needs of Thief River Falls and the communities that surround it.

Willmar Electric Service, the mechanical contractor, Nor-Son (General Contractor) and Sanford Medical Center, had to be industrious to continue to look for Lean Construction strategies, substantiated by the idea of finding simple, yet effective ways to eliminate waste and increase productivity. And by being persistent to not only advance the technology for medical systems, but also being progressive to use technology advancement in the construction work force supported the process for quality control. Simple ideas and concepts put to practice, effectively executed the long-desired goal: provide a state–of-the-art medical facility that provides the technology needed to meet the (medical) needs of Thief River Falls, MN and the communities that surround it.

"Willmar Electric's management and people in the field never flinched, and consistently produced excellent results for both us and our client." – Richard Bell, Senior Project Executive, Nor-Son, Inc.

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