DESTRUCTION OF FORMER WINONA HOSPITAL BUILDING COMPLETED ON SCHEDULE

INDIANAPOLIS –The City of Indianapolis announced today that the demolition of the former Winona Hospital building at 3232 N. Meridian St. has been completed on schedule. As of Oct. 29, 2011, demolition contractor Denney Excavating completed the demolition and has taken down all building superstructure components at the site.

The bid specifications called for the completion of all demolition activities, including the demolition of the superstructure, removal of the basements and footers and site clearing and grading, within 90 days. The contract stipulated the removal of the building superstructure to be completed no later than Monday, Oct. 31, 2011. Basement removal and site clearing and grading is expected to be completed by mid December 2011.

The site posed some challenges to its redevelopment due to the contamination from asbestos, medical waste and an underground storage tank. The asbestos and medical waste was abated before the building’s demolition began. The 20,000-gallon underground storage tank also has been removed. Heartland Environmental Associates, Inc. conducted oversight for the demolition activities and will continue to monitor conditions during the course of the remainder of work and update the City regarding the status of site activities.

The City is working with the Children’s Museum to develop plans for future use of the site. Demolition was possible with the use of Neighborhood Stabilization Plan federal funds provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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