

## The C/N Group to collaborate with Olean General Hospital on Outpatient Surgery Center

October 31, 2011 - The C/N Group, Inc., a national healthcare services firm, has entered into a multi-year agreement to provide consulting services to Olean General Hospital in conjunction with the development of an Outpatient Surgery Center located adjacent to the Hospital's campus in Olean, New York. Under terms of the agreement, C/N Group will assist the Hospital in the development and operation of the Center, which is expected to serve more than 6,500 patients in its first year of operation.

With construction already underway, the project consists of both a renovation of existing space as well as a significant 15,000 square feet addition. At a total cost of \$10.3 million, the new surgery center will truly be state-of-the-art. Four new operating suites will be constructed, as well as three endoscopy labs, pre-operative and post-operative recovery areas, waiting rooms, consultation areas, and support space. In addition, 23 new pre- and post-surgery bays will be installed.

"We are pleased with the C/N Group's participation and believe they will make a strong contribution to this effort," said Timothy J. Finan, President and CEO of Olean General Hospital and Upper Allegheny Health System, the parent company of Olean General and Bradford Regional Medical Center. "We appreciate the C/N Group's experience and successful track record in outpatient healthcare facilities. Most importantly, they absolutely understand our strategic vision for this project. First and foremost, we believe this facility will enhance the quality and service of patient care in our community. Furthermore, we are listening to our local physicians and understand that improving productivity through a better working environment will benefit their practices as well as the hospital."

Ravi Chopra, President and Chief Executive Officer of C/N Group, said, "We are very excited to be working with Olean General Hospital on this important project. The Hospital has an exceptional team committed to this effort including administration, physicians, and staff. We are focused intently on helping the Hospital achieve its objectives for this project, and on creating value for the patients, physicians, and Olean General Hospital."

It is expected that construction of the Center will be completed in April 2012.

### **About Olean General Hospital**

Olean General Hospital (OGH) is a member of the Upper Allegheny Health System. Located in Olean, New York, OGH consists of 186 inpatient beds and comprehensive ancillary and support programs and services. In addition to the main hospital building, the hospital campus includes a Health Services Center, the Ann Cheladyn Boser Cardiac Rehabilitation Center, a Dialysis and Primary Care Center, the Gundlah Dental Center, and the Center for Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Medicine.

### **About The C/N Group**

*The C/N Group, Inc. is a recognized leader in the development, ownership and operation of exceptional healthcare facilities, including ambulatory surgery centers, diagnostic imaging centers, and multi-specialty clinics. Family-owned and operated, the company employs more than 200 people between its Midwest and Northeast regional markets.*

*Founded in 1980, The C/N Group began offering consulting and management expertise to the health-care industry. During its initial decade of operation, the firm's primary focus was physician practice management and practice consulting. Starting in 1984, however, the firm expanded its core competencies which grew to include the development and day-to-day operation of healthcare facilities.*

*Specifically, the C/N Group opened the Chicago area's second free-standing diagnostic imaging facility in early 1985. More than twenty years later, the C/N Group remains dedicated to the diagnostics field and looks forward to expanding its markets and facilities.*