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**PATRICK- MURRAY ADMINISTRATION CELEBRATES  
GROUNDBREAKING OF SPAULDING REHABILITATION CENTER IN  
CHARLESTOWN****State-of-the-art facility will deliver nation's most advanced rehabilitative services,  
reflects Administration's Jobs Growth Strategy.**Governor Patrick offers remarks at the Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital groundbreaking. (Photo credit: Matt Bennett/Governor's Office). [View additional photos.](#)

BOSTON - Thursday, October 7, 2010 - As part of the Patrick-Murray Administration's historic efforts to promote job growth and long-term economic recovery in Massachusetts, Governor Deval Patrick today joined health care advocates and lawmakers for a groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the new Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Charlestown. Construction of the new facility reflects the Administration's commitment to job growth and economic development, and also reflects a technological upgrade for delivery of the hospital's specialty, occupational and physical therapy. The Charlestown project will translate into new jobs and economic development opportunities in the area.

"Spaulding is a valued resource to the Commonwealth, offering critical rehabilitative services to the residents of Massachusetts and greater New England," said Governor Deval Patrick. "This project ensures the future of this vital institution and will provide over 300 construction jobs. Spaulding's commitment to our environment by investing in the clean up of this site and the project's LEED silver certification speak to their mission to not only rehabilitate their patients, but the community they will call home."

"The new facility will serve individuals with a range of needs in a state-of-the-art setting," said Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. JudyAnn Bigby. "We are pleased with the commitment Spaulding has made to also address chronic conditions like obesity in persons with disabilities."

The new hospital will be a state-of-the-art rehabilitation facility, and will provide numerous therapeutic and operational benefits that are not delivered in the existing facility. The new facility will include 120 private adult rehabilitation beds and 12 private pediatric beds. It will also include gymnasiums and therapy rooms, swimming pools, research space, multi-purpose conference spaces, radiology, a large outpatient clinic, laboratories, a pharmacy and water access for patient therapy. The project will be completed by January 2013.

"The construction of Spaulding's new location is a testament to the quality of the hospital's care," said Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commissioner Charles Carr, "Spaulding's decreased re-admissions and reduced stays reflect how effectively they treat patients."

"Spaulding's new facility is good news because it will improve people's physical health with a new state-of-the-art facility and strengthen the city's economic health with the creation of much needed construction jobs. I'm delighted that we've broken ground on several new health care facilities in the last couple of weeks because we are so fortunate to have these institutions in our city. They provide top notch care to our residents and help move our economy forward. Spaulding's new facility will greatly improve this section of the Charlestown Navy Yard by turning a brownfield into a greenfield and providing additional open space including new Harborwalk connections," said Mayor Thomas M. Menino.

"For 40 years, thousands of patients and families from our region and all over the world have come to Spaulding to create their own remarkable recoveries guided by our dedicated caregivers. As we stand today as stewards of this rich legacy of care, SRH is positioned to enter a new phase in its journey with a New Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital," said David E. Storto, President, Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital. "Growing in national prominence to now our #4 ranking in US News & World Reports " Best Hospitals" and serving as a center of research, Spaulding is poised to reach unprecedented heights and create new avenues of recovery while increasing our efficiency in healthcare delivery."

"Spaulding Rehab has provided high-quality, innovative care to our community for 40 years and made a difference in the lives of thousands of patients and their families. The groundbreaking of this new, state-of-the-art facility and conference center marks a great day for Spaulding and their continued commitment to the neighborhood of Charlestown," said Senator Sal DiDomenico.

"It has been a difficult route, legislative and otherwise, to arrive at-but we are here and Spaulding now has a building with employees and professionals that will provide 21st century rehabilitative care to our community," said Representative Eugene L O'Flaherty.

The construction of a new facility for Spaulding reflects the Administration's jobs growth strategy, which focuses on investing in education, innovation, infrastructure, promoting strong regions and supporting small business growth. Massachusetts continues to lead the nation in recovery. Massachusetts has added more jobs in the first eight months of 2010 than during any entire year since 2000, growing nearly 65,000 new jobs since December 2009. In its 2010 edition of America's Top States for Business, CNBC named Massachusetts in the top five nationally for business competitiveness. And Massachusetts has an unparalleled entrepreneurial spirit, which is why for the second year in a row, Suffolk University's Beacon Hill Institute ranked Massachusetts at the top in its annual Competitiveness Report.

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