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GTC Starts Work on Another Salud Family Health Clinic The new Fort Morgan clinic will mean even better health care service in a growing rural community

Golden Triangle Construction broke ground last weekend on another project by Salud Family Health. Construction on the new 39,000 square-foot medical and dental clinic in the rural town of Fort Morgan is expected to begin the first week of May and be completed by May of 2011.

Although there is already a Salud clinic in Fort Morgan, increasing community need has outgrown the current facility. The new clinic, designed by T.W. Beck Architects, P.C., will allow Salud to provide to better and more comprehensive services, especially to lower-income patients. Salud maintains a firm commitment to provide care to all community members and does not turn patients away based on a patient's finances, insurance coverage or ability to pay.

This is the third project GTC has partnered with Salud on, previously having built clinics in Fort Lupton and Estes Park. Like the other projects, this new clinic's design and construction focus on incorporating sustainable elements and materials, including features such as increased daylighting. "Even simple elements can make a big difference in lowering operating costs and improving patient experiences," says GTC Senior Project Manager, Jeff Stroup, LEED® AP.

A new element with the Fort Morgan clinic involves the installation of a geothermal system about 10 feet underground, which is a "greener" alternative to traditional heating and cooling systems because it lowers operating and maintenance costs, has a longer system lifespan and provides superior indoor air comfort. Most importantly, it eliminates the potential of gas leaks or monoxide poisoning, and safety for the clinic's staff and visitors is top priority for both Salud and for GTC.

GTC has been a general contractor in the Front Range commercial construction market since 1977 and is a proud member of the U.S. Green Building Council. For more information about GTC or about GTC's Green Building Program, please call Dennis Richard at (303) 772-4051 or email <u>drichard@gtc1.net</u>.