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## **NORTHERN ILLINOIS PROTON CENTER FINALIZES** **AGREEMENT WITH CENTERPOINT**

*Prominent developer to oversee completion of cancer treatment center*

DEKALB, IL- Northern Illinois Proton Treatment and Research Center (NIPTRC) announced today that it has finalized and signed an agreement with CenterPoint Properties to represent the center in coordinating the development, design and construction of its cancer treatment center.

“CenterPoint will serve as the primary interface between us and the project’s numerous participants,” said John Lewis, executive director of NIPTRC. “We are pleased to have a developer of this caliber on our side. Their reputation for undertaking and completing important projects throughout Chicagoland speaks for itself.”

CenterPoint will be responsible for coordinating with architecture firm VOA Associates and their engineer and design consultants. Additionally, they will work alongside the construction contractor and equipment supplier to guide the project from initiation to design to construction to close-out phases.

“Jim Cross from CenterPoint has been working hard behind the scenes with his incredible team for some time already,” said John Lewis. “Civil engineering and geotechnical work is currently ongoing, and because this agreement has now been finalized, visible signs of progress will soon be evident at the site.”

The building to be constructed on 15 acres in the DuPage National Technology Park in West Chicago will be approximately 115,000 square feet, of which an approximate 56,722 square foot portion will house a cyclotron vault, beam line, treatment rooms, a research room, a control room, and other related areas. An approximate 62,936 square foot portion will be used for medical offices and other portions of the NIPTRC.

NIPTRC along with the Northern Illinois Research Foundation and Northern Illinois University have been working for years to bring a world-class cancer treatment and research center to Chicago’s western suburbs that will provide state-of-the-art proton therapy to patients across the Midwest. Earlier in the year, the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board approved the project.

Proton therapy is a non-invasive and precise radiotherapy treatment, and is particularly useful for treating certain pediatric and adult cancers. Unlike conventional X-ray radiation therapy, proton radiation does not do significant damage to the healthy cells around a cancerous growth. Proton therapy is currently unavailable in Illinois, and only five proton therapy centers are currently operating nationwide.

CenterPoint is the largest owner and developer of industrial real estate in metropolitan Chicago with 26 branded business parks. With its affiliates, CenterPoint owns and/or manages more than 42 million square feet of property and owns or controls an additional 9,732 acres of land for future development. CenterPoint is a subsidiary of CalEast Global Logistics LLC, a leading investor in logistics warehouse and related real estate whose members include the California Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS) and LaSalle Investment Management.

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