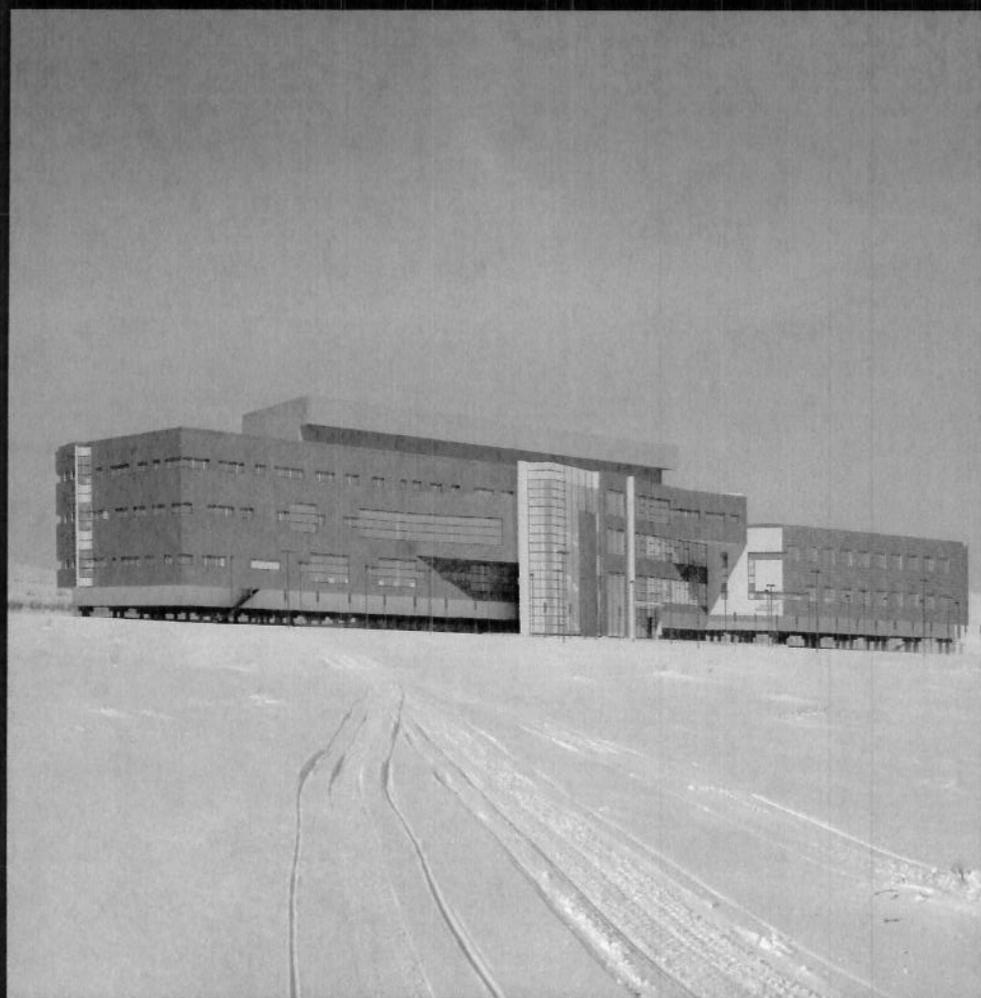


Norton Sound Health Corporation
Regional Hospital Construction

Norton Sound Health Corporation Replacement Hospital Nome, Alaska



The top priority for Norton Sound Health Corporation's (NSHC) Board of Directors is the construction funding for the Indian Health Service replacement hospital in Nome.

The planned 144,000 square foot facility shown here, is targeted to begin construction in 2009.

The Indian Health Service (IHS) has completed and signed-off on the schematic design. IHS has also incorporated the funding request for the FY 09 construction funding into its five year plan.

The City of Nome is targeting a 3 million dollar upgrade to the sewer and water off-site utilities to accommodate the new hospital in FY08.

NSHC, through the support of the Denali Commission has been able to begin site development. The current plan is to complete the site development work of creating the gravel pad where the future hospital, access roads, and parking lot will be in FY 08. NSHC also is working on the procurement of the structural piles so they can be manufactured and shipped on the last Nome barge in 2008.

NSHC continues to achieve the targeted timelines set for the design process. The project is currently in the design development phase which has a targeted completion date in March. The project will then move into its final phase, construction documents are scheduled to be completed in January 2009.

The cost to the project increases 5.2% each year for inflation costs as estimated by the professional estimator working on this project. **Delayed construction on this project increases its overall costs at a rate of \$420K per month, based upon the \$97M IHS cost estimate .** NSHC has advanced the project schedule to meet the IHS recommended construction start dates and funding cycles.

The staffing package included with this project will fund desperately needed direct care staff to provide health care services to this underserved region.

NSHC requests \$48,502,000 to fund the Indian Health Services Replacement Hospital in Nome, Alaska.