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Sonoma/RMC Brookside Campus Development

Research Medical Center and Sonoma Development Partners have entered into an agreement as a preliminary step to the development of the Research Brookside Campus located at 6601 Rockhill Road in Kansas City, MO.

This agreement gives Sonoma site control of 13.5 acres on the north and east borders of the property and the right of first refusal to buy additional unused portions of the Research Brookside Campus offered by RMC. The term of the agreement started in October 2009 and extends up to 18 months to close on the land purchase.

During this 18 month agreement, Research Medical Center and Sonoma will share equally in the costs incurred to pursue financing, gain necessary approvals and other such development activity.

The concept for the new development is an environmentally responsible community including housing and commercial businesses, seamlessly integrated with the existing Research Brookside operations. The new development will generally promote a healthy-living lifestyle and sustainable design with parks, gardens, landscaping, and walking trails throughout the campus.

Some possible projects being proposed for the new development include assisted living and independent-living senior housing, adult day care and memory care facilities, market-rate townhouses or work-force housing, healthy-living businesses such as a restaurant, coffee shop, organic grocery store, or community center, and other commercial uses that embrace social and environmental responsibility.

The total acreage of the Research Brookside Campus is 37 acres. Research Medical Center will retain the rights to 6675 Holmes, the former hospital tower building and the connecting auditorium area.

All current healthcare services provided on the Research Brookside Campus will continue without interruption. These services include a 24 hour / 7 days a week emergency department, complete outpatient services including imaging, rehabilitation and a GI lab, outpatient surgery, the Center for Healthy Aging, Sleep Disorders Center, Spine Care, fitness center, and pain management. Current services will complement the new development of the property and Research Medical Center will continue to collaborate with the Sonoma team at appropriate times in supporting the development of this thriving new community.

"We have been working closely with the Sonoma Development team for nearly three years now," explains Kevin J. Hicks, Chief Executive Officer of Research Medical Center including the Brookside Campus. "We are very pleased the result of this working relationship is an agreement that will help develop the Brookside Campus into a first class sustainably-designed community."

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