Tufts Medical Center partners with Vanguard Health Systems to serve Patients better

By Ling Mei Wong

Tufts Medical Center plans to serve more patients and expand its reach through a partnership with Vanguard Health Systems.

“The overarching goal of the relationship is to create a partnership that will strengthen Tufts Medical Center,” said Deb Joelson, senior vice president of strategic services, Tufts Medical Center. “A strong Tufts Medical Center is important to the community in Chinatown.”

Tufts, its New England Quality Care Alliance physicians network and Vanguard began negotiations on Sept. 18, which are expected to conclude before the end of the year.

The partnership will expand Tufts’ reach outside of Chinatown, increasing affiliations with area hospitals such as MetroWest Medical Center, a for-profit Vanguard hospital. “We hope it will help us grow for the number of patients who come here for high-end services,” Joelson said.

State and federal laws

Tufts is implementing national and state health care mandates, including the Affordable Care Act passed by President Barack Obama in 2010. These initiatives are intended to streamline patient care and administrative services, which the Vanguard-NEQCA partnership will bolster.

State and federal legislation will change how insured patients pay. “Specific activities we’ll undertake is working with our physician community in Massachusetts, Tufts and Chinatown,” Joelson said. “We want to be well-positioned to take care of those patients when they’re in the hospital, but also take into consideration health, wellness criteria and diabetes control. We do it today for many of our patients. We’re not just managing illness but the health of the patient.”

Tufts’ nonprofit status as a teaching affiliate of Tufts University School of Medicine will not be affected by the partnership with for-profit Vanguard, based in Nashville, Tenn.

The partnership with Vanguard could translate into savings, such as pooling resources for medical supplies. “We’re not at that level of detail in negotiations, but it’s something we’d consider,” Joelson said.

The Tufts-Vanguard partnership would tap into existing NEQCA initiatives for administrative, contracting and technology services for physicians’ offices, according to a prepared statement from Tufts. Nearly 1,600 physician members of NEQCA are located throughout Eastern Massachusetts and the MetroWest area.

Tufts, NEQCA and Vanguard are already working together on a new insurance plan announced in August. The Minute Man Health Initiative is the first member-governed, nonprofit health insurance option for Massachusetts residents, funded by a $88.5 million federal loan. It expects to offer coverage in 2014 through private brokers and the Massachusetts Health Connector, the state’s online insurance portal.

Double Ten Art Show 2012: Feel the Charm of Chinese Culture

By Joanne Wong

Calligraphy, photographs, watercolor paintings, and drawings are on display at the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association in commemoration of Double Ten Day, which celebrates the establishment of the Republic of China in 1912.

“The goal of the art gallery is to showcase Chinese culture so that it is appreciated by the wider community and society,” says Lily Chin, the Chairperson of the Boston Calligraphy Association. Chin helped organize the event.

Over 20 local artists are showcasing their works this year. The artists range in age (from teenagers to seniors) and the content of the art spans the world, from photographs of France to paintings of ancient China. During the kick-off event, calligraphy and drawing demonstrations were held for the attendees. Chin estimates that over 60 people attended the event.

Chin says that the Boston Calligraphy Association aims to host several galleries a year, mostly during holidays. The next gallery is expected to take place during the Asian New Year. The current art gallery is ongoing until October 14 at the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association.

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Every Vote Counts: Over 700 Castle Square Residents Registered to Vote
By Joanne Wong

Castle Square Tenants Organization members at the voter registration table. Photo by Joanne Wong.


"We need everyone who believes in social justice, equality, and we need everyone to exercise their responsibility," Lee adds.

Voter registration materials and absentee ballot information are available in Chinese and English at the event. The Castle Square Tenants Organization coordinated with help from the Chinese Progressive Association to train members on the different materials available.

The event also featured the screening of the documentary film "Chisholm '72: Unbought & Unbossed," an inspirational story that focuses on Shirley Chisholm, the first woman to run for U.S. President in 1972. Chisholm overcame various struggles and barriers as a black woman to vie for the presidency. The film was screened in a Democratic ticket, and in her journey, she encouraged a large number of community members to exercise their voting rights and voice their opinions. Although Chisholm was unsuccessful in her bid for the nomination, her story highlighted the importance of unity, diversity, and voter rights.

Most recent statistics indicate that 700 of the Castle Square residents have already registered to vote, according to Jerry Chu of Winn Management Company. 1050 residents of Castle Square are at the legal voting age.

"Residents are proud of how Castle Square has grown and united as a community. It has been four decades since Mel King, the Castle Square Tenants Organization founder and first black mayor of Boston, advocated for the legal voting age. The Castle Square Tenants Organization was also formed in the same year by community members aging Mel King. The Castle Square Tenants Organization has been a powerful voice for social justice, equality, and unity. "We need to build from our history and stand up," says Suzanne Lee, a community leader in Chinatown. "Every vote counts."

Dr. Arrow Ayres, a member of the party for youth and community members alike.

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AACa College Day Promotes College Education in Immigrant Communities

By Teresa Cheong

The Second Annual College Day organized by the Asian American Civic Association Youth Council on Sept. 30 hosted 38 colleges from around Massachusetts and attracted over 150 students and parents.

As a sequel to a similar event last year, the College Day aimed at providing an opportunity for immigrant families to learn more about college admission process and financial aid application. The event also geared toward adult learners this year.

Margaret McKenna, president emeriti of Lesley University, said college education was vital to young people in her opening speech.

“Whether or not you go on a two-year, four-year college, or a master degree or a PhD, whatever you do will enrich your life and the lives of other students in that college and university,” said McKenna. “So don’t let the price tag scare you off.”

Amy Guen, one of the founders of AACa and South Cove Community Health Center, also thanked the colleges for bringing an important education bridge to the community.

“Each of you [college representatives] brings opportunities to young people and outstanding students. We welcome you for coming and welcome you to Chinatown,” said Guen.

With 11 more colleges participated in this year’s event, the AACa Youth Council was interested in inviting more colleges that have questions about immigration issues to participate in this year’s event.

Boston EMS Notifies 57 Patients of Potential Exposure to Compromised Medications

As part of an ongoing investigation initiated by Boston EMS into misconduct by one of its paramedics, the Department has notified 57 patients that they potentially received compromised medications during EMS treatment. The 57 patients received doses of controlled medications that may have been tampered with by the suspect, a 40-year-old, who was last seen in the area of 88 Beach Street.

Seven of the patients identified passed away after transport for reasons related to their initial catastrophic injury or medical condition.

Of the patients that have questions about Boston EMS services, the Department decided to inform them of an abundance of caution for their safety. While the alleged drug tampering happened last summer, Boston EMS was unable to accurately identify the small number of patients that may have been exposed to compromised medications until the state lab completed its testing of medications at the end of July 2012. These tests results then allowed EMS to identify 57 patients that potentially received compromised medications.

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The descriptions of the suspects are as follows: Suspect #1 was about 40 years old, had tan skin, and was wearing a black jacket. Suspect #2 was about 50 years old and was wearing a black jacket. Suspect #3 was about 40 years old and had a chubbly body.

Anyone with information is asked to call District A-1 detectives at (617) 343-4248.
Interview with Sue Quinlan: New Director of Buds & Blossoms
by Faye Zheng

SAMPAN: When did you become the director of Buds & Blossoms?
Sue: I started on August 27th and have been the director for about six weeks now.

SAMPAN: Could you introduce us about your professional background?
Sue: I have been working part-time at various colleges; Bay State College, Bridgewater State University, Massachusetts Community College, Mass Bay Community College, Quincy College, and Urban College. I was teaching Early Childhood Education courses, and also worked as an Early Childhood Program Director, Head Start supervisor, and NAEYC Accreditation mentor, etc. I have a Master’s Degree in Education, a Master’s Degree in Counseling Psychology and an undergraduate degree in Early Childhood Education/Child Development. I have been in this field for over thirty years.

SAMPAN: What made you want to work for BUDS & BLOSSOMS as its director?
Sue: I was a program mentor for BUDS & BLOSSOMS for the past year. I would come here and provide administration and educational support to the director and teachers. When Leslie Pilder, the previous director of BUDS & BLOSSOMS, was leaving, she encouraged me to apply for the position. She said, “You should apply for this job. You are already familiar with the program and would be a good match for it.” I did apply and fortunately got the job.

SAMPAN: Can you give us general introduction of BUDS & BLOSSOMS?
Sue: We have four classrooms; one infant classroom (2-15 months), one toddler classroom (15 months-24 months), one preschool classroom (2 years and 9 months) and one preschool classroom (2 years and 9 months). For each classroom, we have three teachers, two foster grandparents and one assistant. In addition, as well as classroom volunteers and student interns. We can accommodate 45 children at one time. We have a long waiting list. Many parents have been on the waiting list for over a year. Some even come to sign up on the waiting list before they get pregnant.

SAMPAN: What’s the uniqueness of BUDS & BLOSSOMS?
Sue: BUDS & BLOSSOMS is a unique program as we follow the Reggio Emilia philosophy of teaching. Another unique element of our program is that we have a Mandarin immersion program. Staff must speak only Mandarin in the classroom with the children.

Our families are very diverse. They represent a variety of cultures and languages.

The first five years of a child’s life is the most critical for learning. They have an innate ability for language acquisition.

Our highly educated parents are attuned to this ability thus make the brilliant decision to enroll their children at Buds & Blossoms. When they grow up with Mandarin-speaking parents, they have so many advantages that will be offered them including a greater choice of educational institutions. Fluency in Mandarin can also open so many doors for their career choices and job searches.

SAMPAN: What changes are you bringing to BUDS & BLOSSOMS?
Sue: Since becoming the director of BUDS & BLOSSOMS, I have conducted two surveys; one among teachers and one among parents. The survey results enable me to better identify the overall operation of the program as seen through the eyes of children.

SAMPAN: Could you introduce us about the current program operation of the program as seen through the eyes of teachers.

Tufts Medical Center provides free cervical and breast cancer screenings to uninsured Boston-area women

Tufts Medical Center will host on October 13 a free cervical and breast cancer screening program, See & Treat & Test®, sponsored by the College of American Pathologists(CAP) and funded through grants from the CAP Foundation.

The program features same day medical tests, diagnoses and follow up care for uninsured and underserved women ages 21 and older, all in a single visit. The program will take place on Saturday, October 13, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm in the OB/GYN clinic on the second floor of Tufts Medical Center's South Building (860 Washington Street in Boston).

“"We are thrilled to bring See, Test & Treat back to Tufts Medical Center again this year, remove those obstacles to care and provide local women with the important screen they need," said Barbara Magnani, PhD, MD, FCAP, Chair and Pa-thologist-in-Chief of the Department of Pathology for the Cure®, the Boston Chapter of the American Society for Cervical Cancer, Sksiui and Gen-Probe.

The program will provide free mammograms, Pap tests, and the opportunity to enroll into the BCBS Massachusetts Guaranteed Insured Women's Health Plan.

For more information about the Program and Application Process, please visit:
www.s-e-b.com/lottery/documents/TheInventory.pdf

DUXBURY AFFORDABLE HOUSING Purchase Assistance Program

Grant money available to purchase existing housing in Duxbury!

The Affordable Housing Purchase Assistance Program utilizes financial assistance to reduce sales prices of specific Duxbury homes currently available on the open market to affordable levels.

This financial assistance has been made available courtesy of the Duxbury Affordable Housing Trust (DAHT) through this lottery.

Applications for the program and lottery must be completed with all required income, asset, tax and pre-approval documentation and submitted by 2 pm on December 11th, 2012.

Maximum Grant Amount Based on Size of Home Purchased

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You can find examples of the types of homes in Duxbury that are eligible for this program here:
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The Maximum Income Limits for Households are as follows:

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Households cannot have more than $75,000 in assets

For more information on the Program and Application Process, please visit:
www.s-e-b.com/lottery or call 617.782.6900 x7. 

Applications and Information also available at the Duxbury Public Library at 500 Main Street (Hours: M, W, Th, F 10-3, Tu 1 pm-8 pm, Sa 10-4).

The Lottery for eligible households will be held on Dec 19th at 7 pm
“GET REAL!” Drama-Free Real Estate Advice

By Mildred Wong

Buying A House: When Is The Perfect Time

MYTH: The right house will turn up at the perfect time for the right price if I wait long enough.

FACT: There is no “perfect” time to buy a house, just like there is no “perfect” house. When you find a house, don’t second guess interest rates or market conditions by waiting. Changes don’t occur that fast to make that much difference in price.

Since there are so many “For Sale” signs in yards, there must be many houses for sale. I can take my time.

“‘For Sale’ signs do not guarantee that the houses are still available. Real estate signs often remain in the yard until the house has officially “closed” and is off the market. This happens because deals sometimes don’t work out and the house has to be put back on the market, after being taken off for that buyer. Your real estate agent will be able to verify the true status of properties at all times.

When you are ready to make an offer, don’t try to be a killer negotiator. Make sure your offer is attractive, stands out, and gets the seller’s acceptance. Your agent will help you determine the most appropriate offer price, based on the recent sale prices of comparable houses. Be sure to have another house that you would also be happy with in case your offer is not accepted.

The price is $3,000 more than I want to spend. If the seller “really” wants to sell, they will accept your offer. GET REAL! While it may be a buyer’s market, sellers will still look for reasonable offers, and they have a choice in the offer they will accept just like you have a choice in the house you will purchase. If you lose the house and feel that it is the perfect fit for you, negotiate fairly. $3,000 divided by 360 months (30 years) is only $83.33 more per month. Don’t lose your dream home haggling over dollars and cents.

It is an emotional roller coaster when you set out to buy a house. If you are a first time buyer, the emotions are intensified because you don’t know what to expect. Once you commit to a house, especially after looking at many houses, you will wonder if you chose the right one. This is a common feeling that will go away once you settle down and envision living in your new home.

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Earlier this year, a pal from Seoul told me of a very delicious seafood soup (very soft silken tofu) place that opened up in the old Seoul Bakery space that was a “taste of home” for her. Well lo and behold, I have gone to Kaju Tofu House 58 Har vard Ave (between Cambridge St & Franklin St) Allston, MA 02134 (617) 208-8540 numerous times since this is a sorely needed and welcome addition to the Boston Korean cuisine scene.

Unlike the strong Korean communities of Flushing NY, Fort Lee NJ, and of course the stalwart K Town in Los Angeles that have a variety of delicious eats, Kaju Tofu House is a breath of fresh air for Boston. (in Korean stands for California) as the place where the owners hail from California and have some businesses there too. Also the soondubu jigae or silken tofu stew is their specialty.

There are a variety of choices to choose from in terms of soondubu chigae as well as five different levels of spiciness. Person- ally, the medium level of spiciness suits me well. Their seafood soondubu chigae came out bubbling in a beautiful red dish broth studded with mini shrimps with the heads, oysters and tons of soft tofu in the trabkaegi (ceramic pot). The broth can be flavored vegetarian, or with meat or seafood.

Other broth base ingredient s include (but not limited to) chili paste, sesame oil, fish sauce, kelp, d Rufanchovies, garlic, scallions, and hot red pepper flakes. Remember to crack the egg into to broth, you can choose to mix it in to thicken the broth or keep it whole. The seafood broth consistently came out as a delicate balance of sweetness and heat with the sea along the custard like waves of silken tofu plus the frothy egg bits tossed utterly amazing.

This taste only comes from really fresh and delici- ous ingredients as well as loving care! The standard banchan (side dishes) are all house made with a generous amount of eight at our table. The banchan options always changes varying from steamed egg, seasoned spicy chewy dried squid, and various styles of kimchee (usually fermented spicy napa cabbage) to seasoned acorn jelly. Un- like other local places, the burn/crunky rice (so delicious – aka nurungji - the burnt/crusty rice (so loving care!) The standard banchan (side dishes) are all house made with a generous amount of eight at our table. The banchan options always changes varying from steamed egg, seasoned spicy chewy dried squid, and various styles of kimchee (usually fermented spicy napa cabbage) to seasoned acorn jelly. Unlike other local places, the burn/crunky rice (so delicious – aka nurungji - the burnt/crusty rice (so loving care!)

The servers were friendly and like Korea there were the service buttons at each table to press when you want their attention. The place is small (read long lines). It is always fun watching the Korean TV ranging from the news, Korean dramas to the latest Kpop videos while enjoying your meal. This is a NOT to be missed place for Boston area Korean soondubu chigae lovers!
Dental Care Tips for Diabetic Patients

Dental care is more important for diabetic patients than for healthy individuals.

1. Increase awareness towards the oral infections.
2. Have regular checkups with a dental care provider at least once in three to four months.
3. Brush teeth at least twice a day; and after all meals and snacks if possible.
4. In the morning and at night, flossing and using an antibacterial mouthwash.

Diabetic patients, especially in after puberty and aging individuals, have greater chances of developing oral health problems such as tooth decay, fungal infections, salivary gland dysfunction, inflammatory skin disease, periodontal disease or taste impairment.

5. Use toothpaste that contains fluoride as this has proved to be the most efficient in fighting oral infections and tooth decay.
6. Get professional dental cleanings every six months.
7. In cases when dental surgery is needed, it is necessary to take some special precautions such as adjusting diabetes medication or taking antibiotics to prevent infection.

Dental surgery is needed if the oral infections and tooth decay cannot be controlled. However, the oral problems in diabetic patients can be prevented. Here are some tips on dental care for diabetic patients. Here are some suggestions:

- Quitting smoking.
- Make morning appointments to the dental care provider as during this time of the day the blood sugar levels tend to be better kept under control.
- Make sure both their physician and dental care provider are informed and aware of their condition, medical history and.constant status.

Average life expectancy of the U.S. population is getting longer, and the elderly population maintained a trend of rapid growth during the last century. Today, there are 37 million people older than 65 years, accounting for 13% of the total population.

GBCGAC is a not-for-profit organization which was established in 1972. Its mission is to promote the general welfare of Asian elders. A comprehensive network, culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate programs and services assist elders with access to mainstream elder services and supports independent living. Services and programs provided by GBCGAC include Social Service Program, Nutrition Program, Health Information Needs, General Introduction of GBCGAC, Nutrition Advice for Elders, GBCGAC’s kitchen provides enhanced the Asian elders’ health and quality of life, enabling elders to remain at home and in their community to enjoy their golden years.

If you need our services or more information, please visit our website at www.gbcgac.org or call us at 617-423-7560.

GBCGAC’s meals meet or exceed USDA Senior Nutrition Guidelines. They are nutritionally balanced meals with appropriate portions of rice, vegetables, meat, milk and fruit. They are prepared with fresh ingredients including 3 or 4 kinds of vegetables and one or two kinds of meat. Also they are low in salt, sugar and cholesterol so that you can taste the fresh flavor of all ingredients.

GBCGAC’s kitchen maintains high standards of safety and sanitation during cooking and also in the delivery process, so that every weekday our clients receive a hot and freshly cooked lunch.

Another fundamental goal here is to maintain a balanced diet which includes fresh ingredients. Nutritional supplements are good, but should never replace food if you have functional eating capability and normal digestion. By Zhanglin Kong, MS, RD, Registered Dietitian at Greater Bos-

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Sealed bids for MBTA Contract No. B00CN01, RECONSTRUCTION OF ASHMONT RED LINE BRIDGE OVER CLAYTON STREET, BRIDGE NO. B-16-138 (A39) MP 157.00, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS (CLASS 1- GENERAL TRANSIT CONSTRUCTION and CLASS 4A-BRIDGE, PROJECT VALUE - $8,687,000.00, will be received by the Director of Contract Administration at the Contract Administration Office, 6th Floor, Room 6720, Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts, 02116-3975, until two o’clock (2:00 p.m.) on October 30, 2012. Immediately thereafter, in a designated room, the Bids will be opened and read publicly.

Work consists of: Removal of existing bridge superstructure and piers, modifications to existing abutments, construction of new superstructure, and all incidentals.

Work includes but is not limited to:
1. Systems Relocation. Install temporary crossing for relocation of the MBTA system conduits. Install and connecting systems cables through the new bridge
2. Abutment Tiebacks. Install total of 8 abutment tiebacks for existing abutments - 2 rigs concurrently
3. Abutment Micropiles. Install total of 15 abutment micropiles in existing abutments - 4 rigs concurrently
5. Bridge Demolition and Replacement. Demolish Existing Bridge and haul debris away
6. roadway Work. mill streets, adjust sidewalk curbs. Reconstruct Clayton and Dickens Streets
7. Remove of temporary crossing for systems relocation and sidewalk restoration

This Contract is subject to a financial assistance Contract between the MBTA and the Federal Transit Administration of U.S. Department of Transportation. FTA Participation 80 percent.

Each prospective bidder proposing to bid on this project must be prequalified in accordance with the Authority’s “Procedures Governing Classification and Rating of Prospective Bidders.” Copies may be obtained from the Contract Administration Office at the above address. Requests for prequalification for this Project will not be accepted by the Authority after the tenth (10th) day preceding the date set for the opening of bids.

Prequalified bidders may obtain from the Contract Administration Office a “Request for Bid Form” which must be properly filled out and submitted for approval.

Bidding documents may be obtained from the Contract Administration Office at the address above from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., beginning September 28, 2012, Monday through Friday, at no charge. Copies of the Bidding Documents will be available in electronic format (CD). Contract Specifications shall be available in portable data file (.pdf) format and Contract Drawings shall be available in Tagged Image File (.tif) format. If requested, Bidding documents will be shipped for a fee of $25.00, made payable by check to MBTA. For overnight mail service, a completed mailing label, with an approved carrier account number (i.e. Federal Express), must be included. All bidding documents requested by check will be shipped via U.S. Postal Service. NONE OF THESE CHARGES ARE REFUNDABLE.

Bidders attention is directed to Appendix 1, Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to Insure Equal Employment Opportunity; and to Appendix 2, Supplemental Equal Employment Opportunity, Anti-Discrimination, and Affirmative Action Program in the specifications. In addition, pursuant to the requirements of Appendix 3, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Participation Provision, Bidders must submit an assurance with their Bids that they will make sufficient and reasonable efforts to meet the stated DBE goal of __17__ percent.

Bidders will affirmatively ensure that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this solicitation, minority and female construction contractors will be afforded full opportunity to submit Bids and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Bidders will be required to comply with Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Regulations and the President’s Executive Order No. 11246 and any amendments or supplements thereto. Bidders will also be required to comply with the Governor’s Executive Order No. 481, prohibiting the use of undocumented workers on State Contracts and any amendments and supplements thereto.

Authorization for the Bidders to view the site of the work on the MBTA's property shall be obtained from the Project Manager, Mr. Ken Lim, P.E., 500 Arborway, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130, Telephone number 617.222.4487. The Authority will conduct an inspection tour of the site on October 9, 2012. Bidders are requested to be present at the (at intersection of Clayton Street and Dickens Street, Boston Massachusetts, at 10:00 a.m. to participate in the tour. Bidders are advised that they should have representation at this tour as no extra visits are planned.

A prebid conference will be held on October 10, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Project Manager, Mr. Ken Lim, P.E., 500 Arborway, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130, Telephone number 617.222.4487. Any request for interpretation of the Plans and Specifications should be submitted in writing at the same time.

Bidders will be required to certify as part of their bids that they are able to furnish labor that can work in harmony with all other elements of labor employed or to be employed on the work.

This Contract is subject to Federal wage and hourly laws and minimum State wage rates as well as all other applicable labor laws.

Bidders are advised that the “Buy America” provisions of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 (Pub. L. 97-424) as amended, apply to any Contract, procurement or agreement which results from this solicitation.

Bid Guaranty shall consist of a bid deposit in the amount of five (5) percent of the value of the bid, in the form of a bid bond, cash, certified check, treasurer’s or cashier’s check.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond each for the full amount of the Contract price.

The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive informalities, to advertise for new Bids or proceed to do the work otherwise, as may be deemed to be in the best interests of the Authority.

This information may be viewed at the MBTA website:

http://www.mbta.com/business_center/bidding_solicitations/current_solicitations/

MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Date: September 28, 2012

By: Richard A. Davey
Secretary and Chief Executive Officer of MassDOT

Jonathan R. Davis
Acting General Manager of the MBTA & Rail & Transit Administrator

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Our differences make us stronger.

Join Faulkner as we take Diversity to the next level. Our mission is to provide service excellence to the people in our community and incorporate the value of cultural influences. With this in mind we are committed to creating an environment that supports the growth and development of both diverse employees and patients at Faulkner. We offer citizenship classes open to the community, continued interpreter services for our patients, mentoring and scholarship opportunities for employees, we strive to be your world class community hospital.

Here are some examples of the types of positions we have available:

- Nursing
- Social Work
- Radiology
- Administrative
- Laboratory
- Professional/Management

For more information on working at Faulkner Hospital or to apply for specific job openings, please visit: careers.faulknerhospital.org

Faulkner Hospital is an equal opportunity employer dedicated to diversity in all that we do.

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