

SECTION B: PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- I. Provide a brief executive summary of the project not to exceed two pages. Topics to be included in the executive summary are a brief description of proposed services and equipment, ownership structure, service area, need, existing resources, project cost, funding, financial feasibility and staffing.

Vanderbilt University Medical Center, through its Vanderbilt Health Services organization, intends to establish an ambulatory surgery treatment center (ASTC), single specialty, limited to the initiation of megavoltage radiation therapy services. This project is for construction of a new freestanding facility and major medical equipment including the acquisition of a linear accelerator with Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT) capabilities and a computerized tomographic (CT) simulation scanner. Two similar Vanderbilt satellite centers exist in Franklin and Clarksville, Tennessee. The satellite facilities extend the radiation therapy expertise of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) designated Vanderbilt-Ingram Comprehensive Cancer Center into a convenient community setting.

The application has been filed as an LLC with 100% Vanderbilt ownership in order to protect the future potential for additional business partners. However, the ultimate ownership is expected to become a 50%/50% joint venture of two not for profit corporations – Vanderbilt Health Services and Maury Regional Hospital. Please see the letter of support from Maury Regional Hospital in Attachment B. Project Description. 1.

The center will be operated as an open staff model which will allow physicians currently practicing at Maury Regional Hospital (MRH) to staff the facility. Vanderbilt will provide additional faculty and technical staff to ensure high quality outcomes like those achieved at the main campus center. The facility is designed to meet the needs of the growing communities in and around Maury County by constructing a freestanding facility to be located at the unassigned parcel in the Parkway Business Center off of Old Port Royal Road in Spring Hill, Tennessee. A street address is not yet assigned to the property. The expected project cost is \$7,385,128. Funding for the center will be through capital provided by Vanderbilt University Medical Center. The center will break-even after its first full year of operation if projected volumes are realized.

Given the nine county service area proposed in the application, there is a need for an additional linear accelerator. This need is predicated on nationally recognized methods for projecting the number of cancer patients in a region and the likelihood that their specific type of cancer will require radiation therapy as one component of their treatment. This method projects a need over the next five year for at least one additional linear accelerator to serve the region.

- II. Provide a detailed narrative of the project by addressing the following items as they relate to the proposal
 - A. Describe the construction, modification and/or renovation of the facility (exclusive of major medical equipment covered by T.C.A. § 68-11-1601 et seq.) including square footage, major operational areas, room configuration, etc. Applicants with hospital projects (construction cost in excess of \$5 million) and other facility projects (construction cost in excess of \$2 million) should complete the Square Footage and Cost per Square Footage Chart. Other facility projects need only complete Parts B.-E. Please also discuss and justify the cost per square foot for this project.

If the project involves none of the above, describe the development of the proposal.