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Mayor Thomas M. Menino joined Whittier Street Health Center officials today as they broke ground on their new \$35 million facility in Roxbury, which will greatly expand health care services to the community. The new 78,900 square foot facility, to be located across the street from their existing facility, includes the construction of a single six-story building on a sub-divided parcel of land within Parcel P3 on Tremont Street. The facility will house a variety of medical and...

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Enterprise Community Investment, in coordination with Citi Community Capital will allocate \$25 Million for constructing Whittier Street Health Center in Boston.

The new facility of Whittier Street Health Center will provide rental space for complementary health care providers including the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Whittier Pharmacy and a physical therapy office. Whittier received the \$12 million in Facilities Investment Program funding under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA).

The new facility will be located in the Roxbury neighborhood of Boston near the existing Whittier clinic. The new 78,900 square-foot facility will double the size of its operations and enhance the types of services offered, including expanded urgent care capacity. Whittier will be built to the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Rating System Silver standard.

The new health care facility will allow Whittier to handle more than 100,000 visits by 2015, and will have the physical capacity to eventually serve 220,000 patients. Construction of the new facility is scheduled to be complete by January 2012. With the construction of the new Whittier facility, approximately 50 permanent full-time jobs will be created, in addition to 177 construction jobs.

Enterprise Community Investment, Inc. a national leader in affordable housing and one of the allocates of New Markets Tax Credits, in coordination with Citi Community Capital, the community development lending and investing arm of Citi, recently closed on a combined \$25 million New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) transaction that will finance the construction of a new facility for the Whittier Street Health Center (Whittier).

Citi provided an allocation of \$10 million in NMTCs and was the equity investor for the entire \$25 million in NMTCs targeted to finance Whittier. Additionally, Boston Community Capital and Boston Private Bank provided debt financing to Whittier.

Originally founded in 1932, Whittier is a federally qualified health center that provides comprehensive family health care, dental care, mental health services to low or very-low income people.

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