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STATE SURGEON GENERAL’S ATTENDANCE AT GROUNDBREAKING OF NEW FACILITY

Port Charlotte, FL — The Florida Department of Health, Charlotte County Health Department will be holding the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Port Charlotte facility on Monday, July 7, 2008 at 11:00 AM. The ceremony will take place at the new facility location, 1100 Loveland Boulevard, Port Charlotte, and will include special guest speaker, Dr. Ana M. Viamonte Ros, M.D., M.P.H., State Surgeon General, Florida Department of Health.

The Loveland facility will be built on a 25-acre property collocated with a planned Charlotte County Human Services building. The new state-of-the-art, two-story, 47,500 square foot Charlotte County Health Department building will offer clinic, immunizations, dentistry, vital statistics (birth certificates and death certificates) and Women, Infant and Children Nutritional Support services (WIC) on the first floor, and house the community outreach and administrative services on the second floor.

The building and campus have been designed to be warm, friendly, and inviting. The building will also be environmentally friendly through planting native vegetation, minimizing water and electric use, and the capability of producing its own energy on-site by turning sunlight into electricity. This building is also designed so that it can quickly be operational during any public health emergency that may arise.

The addition of this building will mean greater convenience and affordability for people since they will be able to access public health services in their neighborhood. This building will also help consolidate administrative services and reduce expenses. Presently, Charlotte County Health Department has the environmental health services branch located in Murdock, and three facilities offering clinical related services located in Englewood, Punta Gorda, and Port Charlotte. Up-to-date information about health department programs and plans to offer many public health services in the near future is available via www.CharlotteCHD.com.

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