

Growing Rural Hospital to Meet Healthcare Needs

Box Butte General Hospital in Alliance, NE was constructed in 1976. The hospital design, at the time, was based far more on inpatient-care and initially staffed 50 employees that by 2012 grew to almost 300 employees. The electrical, mechanical and plumbing needed major upgrades and the original hospital had been redesigned and added onto to adjust for growth until it became functionally inefficient.

USDA Rural Development provided a \$28.75 million direct loan in combination with \$8 million from Box Butte County and more than \$3.5 million from the hospital itself to fund the total \$40 million project.

The hospital worked with design consultants and architectural firms to establish the best possible design for their new facility. Construction consisted of a 2-story 83,500 square foot addition and a 15,000 square foot remodel. The hospital needs had changed significantly since 1976 and offered more outpatient services.

The new facility accommodates outpatient services and meets new regulations for privacy and security. The hospital has been able to partner with more specialty surgeons and increase services for local residents in Alliance and surrounding areas. Services that patients previously had to travel several hours away from home for are now offered locally, providing convenience and safety for patients and their families.

Box Butte General Hospital has been able to accommodate its nearly 300 employees because of the recent addition, which provides adequate space and technology.



New Healthcare Facility in Alliance.

Obligation Amount:	\$28.75 million loan
Date of Obligation:	September 2012
Congressional District:	Representative Smith, 03; Senators Fischer and Sasse
Partners:	Box Butte County and Box Butte General Hospital
Demographics:	Alliance has a population of nearly 8,500
Impact:	New hospital enhanced outpatient services and provided for the new regulations for privacy and security. Jobs created.
