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BEST OF AWARDS

Huntsville Hospital Emergency Department, Huntsville, Ala.

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE: Private Building

In May, Robins & Morton completed a \$17.8 million emergency department renovation and expansion for Huntsville Hospital in Huntsville, Ala. The project included a 41,000-sq-ft build-out of an existing parking deck and renovation of a 30,000-sq-ft emergency department.

Designed by Chapman Sisson Architects of Huntsville, Ala., the project was completed after a 23-month fast track schedule. The hospital's emergency department is now the largest in north Alabama.

Phase 1 of the project required constructing a new ICU waiting area, an ED waiting area, four triage rooms, 42 exam rooms, stat scan room and six trauma rooms out of the existing post tension

parking deck. Robins & Morton overcame the challenge borne of the parking deck's washes and slopes by topping the entire surface with a mix of slurry and Ardex to level it for a finish floor. This mixture was 11 in thick in places.

The new space had to be constructed and made occupiable prior to starting Phase 2, which required the renovation of the existing emergency department. In Phase 2, Robins & Morton renovated the hospital's existing ED to include three computed tomography rooms, four psychological exam rooms and suites and a temporary command center for hospital operations.

After Phase 2 was completed and approved by the Alabama Department of



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Health, the third and final phase of the project was started, including further renovations to the existing emergency department.

Key Facts

Owner: Huntsville Hospital, Huntsville, Ala.

Contractor: Robins & Morton, Birmingham, Ala.

Cost: \$17.8 million

Architect: Chapman Sisson Architects, Huntsville, Ala.