

Healthcare Opportunities in Algeria

Major hospital construction in Algeria now and over the next five years offers good opportunities for U.S. medical supply manufacturers. While much of this hospital construction will occur in the major cities of Algiers, Oran and Constantine, the Algerian Government intends to also focus significant construction in remote and rural areas of the country. All of the envisioned hospitals will need to be equipped with medical equipment, appliances, devices, and disposals. Opportunities will also increase for radiology: echography and mammography equipment, dental radiology, IMR, scanners, and other imagery consumables.

Public Sector hospital construction includes:

- 48 University hospitals;
- 3 serious burn hospitals of 120-140 beds – one in Algiers, one in Oran, and one in Skikda;
- 2 Geriatric centers with 120 beds each;
- 5 Cancer centers with 150 beds each;
- 4 Maternal/Pediatric Health centers with 150 beds each;
- 14 Psychiatric hospitals;
- 3 Assisted Reproduction centers – one in Algiers, one in Oran and one in Constantine;
- 53 Toxicology centers.

Private Sector hospital projects are also being spearheaded by a number of Jordanian and Gulf Arab investors. One of the main projects in discussion is an Emirati hospital complex project in Algiers. This complex will focus on radiotherapy, cardiology and to a lesser extent treatment of renal diseases. Loiola Al-Djazair is a modern, private ophthalmology hospital, the result of a joint venture between Spain and Algeria. This private hospital has been operational since the beginning of 2008 and will also require medical supplies. Algerians and Cubans have recently discussed the creation of 7 ophthalmological hospitals in Algeria's remote areas, and Algerian President Bouteflika announced his personal interest in this project. Another 12 private sector cancer diagnosis and treatment centers are also planned throughout the country.

For further information, please contact Commercial Specialist Faiza Gamoura at faiza.gamoura@mail.doc.gov; tel: +213-770-08-2274.