

# Press Release – Amethyst Wins Contract in Liberia

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Amethyst Technologies, LLC has been awarded a ten-year contract to manage radiology and pathology laboratory services at the John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital in Monrovia, Liberia. The Government of Liberia (GoL) through its Ministry of Health (MoH) and in partnership with the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the World Bank (WB) and the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) has initiated this public private partnership (PPP) to improve diagnostics capabilities in the country's premier health facility.

The establishment of the National Diagnostic Center (NDC) is part of a broad-based effort by the GoL, its development partners and the private sector to strengthen overall health infrastructure and more critically, clinical diagnostic services in the aftermath of the Ebola Viral Disease (EVD), from which the country is still recovering. Under this agreement, Amethyst (lead organization) and its partner Aspen Medical International are contracted to renovate, equip, manage and operate the pathology services laboratory as well as setup, manage, and operate a radiology facility, including the MRI and CT scanning units on behalf of the Partnership for Research on Ebola Virus in Liberia (PREVAIL), led by NIH.

This selection is recognition by the GoL and its development partners of the exceptional and exemplary records and contributions made by Amethyst and its partners individually and collectively to health systems strengthening efforts in Africa over the years. It is also clear confirmation of the strength of the team's value proposition for the development of the NDC. Finally, it underscores the GoL's overall commitment to private sector engagement in national economic and social development efforts through leveraging innovative private sector management and operational efficiencies to achieve development objectives.

The scope of the services which the Amethyst team will provide at the NDC involves ensuring that the facility functions as a world class referral laboratory and imaging center. The facility will provide affordable and comprehensive pathology and radiology services to patients referred to the NDC from the public health network across the country. Comprehensive diagnostic services to private patients desiring world-class services will also be provided.

The project scope includes renovation of existing infrastructure in accordance with WHO and ISO standards; purchasing and maintaining needed diagnostic and imaging equipment; staffing of up to 60 qualified and experienced technical staff; training, up-skilling, and mentoring existing healthcare workers to ensure operational efficiency; and project monitoring and evaluation, in the first-ever project of its type. Amethyst will work to enhance the availability of affordable diagnostic services in line with international standards and best practices by introducing and developing skilled clinical resources through a program of rigorous capacity building and a focus on ISO 15189 accreditation by year five.

The project kicks off early June.

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