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San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center, located in south central Colorado's remote San Luis Valley, was losing patients and providers. Faced with the inevitable challenges of a continued downward trend in revenues, the rural health organization took bold steps toward change. The new building and expansion not only made available superior levels of service and technology; it has become a revitalizing force for the community through innovative and efficient design previously not available.

On the building's exterior, varying planes play against one another to create interest. Massing, color palette and material choices create impact, without flash, and a sense of regional identity. The building is designed to express a strong new image for the institution while blending selected materials and colors of the existing building for visual continuity and unity.

Designers faced an unexpected challenge with the existing entry. In a 1960's contemporary style, a rectangular mass jutted from the façade just above the entry. The piece was stone glued to plywood to look like concrete. Through the use of careful design, this anomaly became the signature feature of the new facility. The clock tower is a welcoming, identifiable beacon for the community and a symbol of the facility's transformation.

**San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center
Alamosa**

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Design-Builder: The Neenan Co.

Engineering/Design Consultants: E-Steel Design-Build Group

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