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Jack Conway recognizes S.S. Hospital pres. Aubut as 2008 Citizens of the Year

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Jack Conway & Co. will recognize South Shore Hospital president and CEO Richard Aubut as its 2008 Citizen of the Year for his dedication to healthcare on the South Shore, and his leadership in the construction of the new Dana-Farber/Brigham and Women's Cancer Center in clinical affiliation with South Shore Hospital.

Aubut will accept the recognition at the annual Conway Country Convention, at the Four Points Sheraton in Norwood. Conway has been honoring its Citizen of the Year since 1988, and it's presented annually to recognize and honor people in Conway Country who have stood out above the crowd.

"I am humbled to receive the Citizen of the Year Award," said Aubut. "I accept it as an honor on behalf of my colleagues who serve the people of our region with compassion each day."

Aubut oversees a hospital with nearly 3,500 employees, and more than 800 physicians. In the fall of 2009 the hospital's new cancer center is scheduled to open. The center is a place to bring all of the hospital's cancer-related services and affiliates under one roof, to be able to provide service to patients so they won't be on the road from doctor's office to doctor's office.

"This cancer center is so vitally important to the area," said company chairman Jack Conway. "And Aubut is at the helm, guiding the project to its completion."

The completion of the cancer center is vital to the future of the hospital as a regional health care provider. Aubut said that the new center, "...has the opportunity to allow us to bring even more talent to this community, to see more patients and therefore continue to grow."

The new \$95 million medical complex will be run by South Shore Hospital as a joint venture with Boston hospitals Dana-Farber and Brigham and Women's.

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