

Architects' agenda moving swiftly



While the process of establishing a concrete Facility Master Plan is a long and arduous task, the future plan for St. Bernard Hospital has picked up momentum and managerial staff were recently provided a glimpse of things to come.

PFB Architects, the firm charged with developing a plan for the future of the hospital campus, recently visited St. Bernard to discuss and present plan concepts.

This part of the planning process, called a "charette," gives managers and hospital executives an opportunity to provide valuable feedback during the design process.

"Seeing the designs helps people think in less general terms, instead in more specific terms," says PFB's Steve Johnson, adding that diagrams



of square footage and department alignment take on a more realistic feel when presented in large scale form.

Feedback included comments on location of departments, entrances and exits, and managers were eager to find out if their floor plans would increase with a new facility layout. "Most departments will grow," according to Johnson, "some a little, some a lot. Everyone is enthusiastic about that."

Hospital acquires adjacent building

St. Bernard recently purchased the GOES Building, adjacent to the hospital and the doctor's parking lot at 63rd and Harvard.

The new building, or at least the land on which it currently stands, will play a pivotal role in the Facility Master Plan, which is being developed for the entire St. Bernard Hospital campus.



"We're looking at various options for use of the building," says Vice President of Planning and Development Charles Holland. "The space provides us with a great variety of opportunity," he says, including renovation of the building, demolition of the existing structure, or construction of a new building or parking area.

The GOES Lithography Company was previously housed in the building.

