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## Fisher & Arnold constructing new \$3 million headquarters

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**Fisher & Arnold** is working on a \$3 million project for a growing Memphis company, but it's not a traditional client.

The architecture and engineering firm is building its own new headquarters, expected to be completed in March 2004, that will be located at 9180 Crest Wind Hills Drive just 1 1/2 miles from the company's current offices on Players Club Parkway.

Bob Fisher, president of Fisher & Arnold, says the new headquarters is the right move after leasing the company's current space for the last 10 years.

The 30,000-square-foot facility will be 90% occupied by Fisher's 100-person staff, with the remaining 10% being left for future expansion.

"The new space is being built and designed specifically for us," Fisher says. "We think the company is doing well and when you look at the cost of this versus long-term leases, there's not a lot of difference in the costs. It's not a stretch for us to do something like that and the costs will be comparable to what we'd be paying to lease."

Fisher & Arnold, with offices in Memphis, Nashville and Meridian, Miss., has worked on numerous projects in Memphis, including recent jobs for Roadshow BMW in Cordova and Schilling Farms in Collierville, as well as different projects on Bill Morris Parkway in that highway's 20-year history.

The company recently completed an electrical substation at the University of Mississippi, which will allow the campus to have uninterrupted electricity through the installation of backup generators. The project will be repeated at University of Tennessee-Martin soon, and possibly the University of Memphis.

Fisher says the new office will be laid out more efficiently than the company's current space at Southwind. He wants a facility where it will be easier for departments that interact to be able to get together. And with the conference and meeting space that will be available in the new facility, clients would have the option to meet at the company's headquarters or attend seminars there.

With clients located from North Mississippi to Fayette County to Downtown, Fisher says the new location fits better than anywhere else, especially with a lot of growth in East Memphis and North Mississippi.

"We've been in the Poplar Corridor, Ridgeway Center and those are good locations, but we've found that with Bill Morris Parkway, we can be Downtown in 30 minutes," he says. "It has great access and we looked at this as the best location to serve our client base. We've had clients that have told us they don't like driving to certain

parts of the city, and we see a lot of growth moving into this part of town, as well as North Mississippi."

Howard Glatstein, the architect of record for the new project, says he designed the space to provide more comfort and color for the employees.

"If you look around the offices now, it's kind of dark and dingy without a lot of windows," he says. "The new design is for a lot more open office space and we tried to get more light into the interior portions of the building. We want all the employees to have some sunlight."

Glatstein says the project, which started in August, got behind schedule, but contractor Linkous Construction worked hard to get it back on time.

"We're roofing the first week in December," he says. "They've gone from a raw piece of ground to being roofed and almost dried in."

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