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**News and Information for
Investigators and Staff Relocating
to STRF**

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Status of the Relocation Process

During November I had further meetings with STRF program leaders and investigators to continue the process of data collection. Some groups have begun the process of identifying lab equipment and office contents for relocation as well as addressing additional laboratory relocation issues. However a growing concern is that a several of the larger research programs have not yet submitted any relocation data.

Program leaders and delegates who have not already submitted their personnel schedules and room assignments are requested to do so as soon as possible.

Revisions to Open Office Layouts

We have been advised that during construction four second-floor office storage rooms situated in the corners of large open offices seem to have morphed into utilities chases. This has resulted in a reappraisal of the planned cubicle layouts in the open offices to provide for adequate office storage and work space. Options

being considered include eliminating two of each block of eight cubicles and eliminating one collaborative area. The interior architects will propose new layouts.

Construction Progress

During November, exterior brickwork and installation of metal panels and glazing were completed. Construction began on the 100 KW solar panel carport in the West parking lot. Inside, walls and prime coat painting progressed together with installation of ceiling grid.



2nd floor open lab with lab furniture ready for installation.



3rd floor open office area and perimeter faculty offices.



1st floor lobby.

Information Technology Infrastructure

We received funding from the UT System to bring a 10 GB connection to our Health Science Center. This will enable a 10 GB connection to a few selected locations and we expect the STRF and its computer room to be included. A research IT advisory committee made up of PIs is currently being formed and will help in the identification and selection of those locations.

STRF Web Pages

The web pages enable us to post large files that would be difficult to distribute by email. Please check from time to time for updated information:

<http://research.uthscsa.edu/STRF/index.shtml>

New Questions about STRF

(FAQs are archived on our web pages.)

Q. Where are sinks located in the large open labs?

A. There are no sinks in the large open labs. There is a sink in every “fume hood & sink alcove room” and every “linear equipment room.” These support rooms directly adjoin the large open labs.

Q. Why is office space being included in the RSPI calculation for STRF? Office space is not included in the calculation for laboratory-based investigators located in other buildings.

A. The intent is that research investigators be treated equitably across campus. We will look into this and respond.

Q. I thought that research expenditures rather than research funding should be used in the RSPI calculation. Please clarify.

A. HOP 7.8.1 states that the RSPI index will be based on “both a rolling three year average and a current year measure of direct plus indirect (D+I) income” that is, research funding.

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