

Farnsworth Group moving to downtown Belleville

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Farnsworth Group will soon relocate its St. Clair County office to downtown Belleville. The move strengthens a continued commitment to the Metro East area and sets the stage for expansion and growth.

A design firm with roots going back to the 1890s, Farnsworth Group has 500 engineers, architects, surveyors, scientists, technicians, and support personnel throughout 24 offices nationwide. The St. Clair County team will occupy a storefront on Main Street, in the heart of Belleville’s central business district.

Farnsworth Group’s official move to Belleville is scheduled for this summer, as final construction is completed on the new space. The Belleville office will offer a modern design, including open workspaces and plenty of natural lighting.

“A wonderful amenity of our new office will be the proximity to a community full of thriving businesses, in addition to all the local events,” said Brian Paul, AIA, architecture principal at Farnsworth Group. “This new location will put us in the heart of the Metro East and provide our team with a fresh new office environment and workspace that will be a welcome perk for our employees. It’s something we can all look forward to as most of our staff have been working from home since last March. And of course, we can’t wait for the next Belleville Chili Cook-Off.”

Last spring, a majority of Farnsworth Group’s team transitioned from office spaces to home offices as COVID-19 precautions took hold. An investment a year earlier in the company’s IT sys-

tem — particularly its Virtual Private Network (VPN) — and a new audio/video communications platform allowed the company to make the transition from office to home without missing a beat.

“We are really proud of our employees who rose to the occasion to make that change from coming into the office everyday to suddenly setting up offices in their homes,” Paul said. “And, we didn’t miss a beat in serving our clients and keeping projects moving forward. I think clients appreciated the fact that we were always there for them and offering to do anything we could to help their businesses and projects continue in a business as usual approach.”

Some of those key clients include the St. Clair County Public Building Commission, the City of Fairview Heights, Southwestern Illinois College, Scott Air Force Base, and many more. One of Farnsworth Group’s signature projects is The REC – Fairview Heights Rec Complex and Community Center. This 57,000 square-foot facility boasts a gymnasium, indoor aquatic facility, fitness area, rock climbing, and a dog park.

“We enjoy the opportunity to create lasting places that enrich the community. It is a privilege and honor to provide services on projects like The Rec, which directly benefit people we interact with every day,” Paul said.

The year saw the company earn its fifth consecutive “Great Place to Work” certification, based on extensive ratings and feedback provided by its employees, as well as ranking as one of the Top 500 Design firms in the nation (No. 207 / Engineering News-Record Top 500 Design Firms).

Louer Facility Planning features 6 projects of 2020

Louer Facility Planning Inc. is celebrating the completion of six signature interiors projects during 2020.

They are: Anderson Healthcare Surgery Center, Washington University in St. Louis’ Lewis Center, Saint Louis University’s Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Building, SIUE School of Engineering Atrium, Grace Church Kid City Building and Guardian Savings Bank.

Anderson Healthcare Surgery Center – Edwardsville

Paired with Korte Design Inc. and The Korte Company, Louer Facility Planning designers created an interior space reflective of Anderson Healthcare’s vision to serve its community. Artwork featuring native plants and flowers greet patients to the first full-service outpatient surgical center in the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon area.

The project is shown on Page 1

Washington University in St. Louis Lewis Center – St. Louis

Louer Facility Planning paired with the Washington University design team to furnish this historic building, a former University City high school, for off-campus housing and coworking space. The design maintained an industrial feel, and spaces included a coffee shop, lounge areas, gaming and outdoor courtyards.

Saint Louis University ISE Building – St. Louis

Louer Facility Planning coordinated its project scope with architect Hastings+Chivetta, BSI Constructors Inc. and SLU Facilities Team. The overall project included creating

90,000 square feet of teaching environments on four levels. As the low bidder for the furniture, Louer provided furniture for classrooms, labs, faculty and staff offices, and open collaborative spaces.

SIUE School of Engineering Atrium - Edwardsville

A refresh of the 20-year-old, multi-level open lobby into a collaborative student workspace, complete with a variety of gathering spaces and plenty of charging stations and power-enabled furniture now serves engineering students who frequent this 200,000-square-foot building on SIUE’s campus, thanks to the project team of Louer Facility Planning, SIUE Facilities Architects and the SIUE School of Engineering.


Grace Church – Fairview Heights

Louer Facility Planning paired with Chiodini Architects and Korte & Luitjohan Contractors Inc. to select and provide lively, energetic furniture to engage and enrich children from nursery age through 6th grade within the church’s Kid City Building.

Guardian Savings Bank – Granite City


Louer Facility Planning worked in tandem with Tindall Construction Inc. to remodel the interior of this longstanding Granite City bank in time to celebrate the 100th anniversary of its charter. Louer designers worked to reflow the space for an attractive, functional headquarters for its staff and clientele. Partial-height walls add space for loan officers and customers, and a refreshing color palette of greys with a lively blue accent ready the bank for years to come.

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