

Halliburton goes west in Houston

Thousands of workers to move after towers built

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Halliburton Co. is moving thousands of its employees to west Houston, where it will erect three sizable office buildings on its own corporate campus.

The 67-acre Halliburton campus will be at the West Belt and Bellaire Boulevard on land that the company has owned for years.

The project, valued in excess of \$200 million, will consist of two 21-story office towers and a 10-story building. In addi-

tion to parking garages, a cafeteria will be built, as will elevated walkways and sky bridges to link the buildings.

Over the next three years, more than 2 million square feet of office space will be built at Oak Park, which is what Halliburton has named the campus.

New buildings will be filled by employees who will be transferred there from Halliburton buildings elsewhere in the city, said Tommy Jamail, director of real estate services for the oil-field services and engineering company.

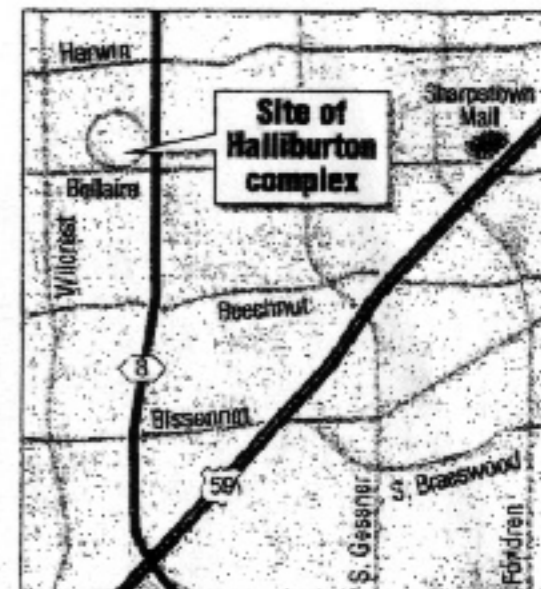
After the consolidation is completed into the new buildings, some of the

firm's vacated properties will be sold, Jamail said. Included in the properties that will be closed and sold are the firm's facilities just east of downtown at 4100 Clinton Drive, where about 2,000 employees work.

The company has operated on Clinton Drive since 1919, Halliburton spokeswoman Wendy Hall said. The Clinton Drive facilities, covering 130 acres, previously were used by Brown & Root, which Halliburton bought in the 1960s.

The Staubach Co., a real estate firm

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led by former Dallas Cowboys quarterback Roger Staubach, will handle the sell-off of the properties that won't be needed.

Halliburton has its headquarters in Dallas, although its staff there consists of fewer than 100 people, Hall said. But the headquarters represents the control center of a billion-dollar company with almost 100,000 employees around the world. The firm provides a variety of services, equipment, maintenance, and engineering and construction to energy, industrial and governmental customers.

There has been speculation that Halliburton would someday move its headquarters to Hous-

ton, a possibility that Hall would not rule out.

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west Houston, where Halliburton already has a 580,000-square-foot building.

"Oak Park will offer a dynamic setting for Halliburton's consolidated operations," said company

Chairman Dave Lesar in a written statement. "We are excited to offer our employees a high-tech, state-of-the-art campus that will keep Halliburton at the leading edge of our competition."

Halliburton will be a major addition to the Westchase area along the West Belt.

Jacobs Engineering, Veritas DGC and BMC Software have built office buildings along this stretch of the West Belt in recent years.

The Means/Knaus firm bought about 200 acres from Halliburton two years ago and developed the Oak Park business park.

The move by Halliburton, which has 17,000 employees in the Houston area, will also affect downtown. The company occupies space in the 600 and 500 Jefferson buildings, part of TrizecHahn's collection of downtown office towers.