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New cancer treatment center set at STPH

Officials at St. Tammany Parish Hospital have entered into a lease with a prestigious Baton Rouge cancer treatment

center to bring radiation therapy to west St. Tammany.

The project has been underway for several months. The Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center won the bid for a 30-year lease with St. Tammany, said Bob Johannessen, the center's public relations representative said.

Johannessen said the center did not want to get into details of the plan at this time, but confirmed it would be offering radiation treatment for cancer patients in the new facility.

"It will be the first such

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treatment center in western St. Tammany Parish," he said. Johannessen said Mary Bird Perkins operates a satellite facility in Hammond in addition to its parent facility in Baton Rouge.

Slidell Memorial Hospital in east St. Tammany offers full oncology services.

St. Tammany Hospital officials were reluctant to discuss the matter, though it is providing the space for the facility. "We prefer to allow Mary Bird Perkins do the talking because it is their project," said Tom Stone, administrator.

Johannessen said the center plans to release full plans for its St. Tammany facility on Monday, Nov. 3.

In its advertisement for bid on the project, St. Tammany Hospital provided that the successful bidder will be required to "build equip, and operate on the leased ground, a medical center for research and education and for the treatment of cancer, including but not limited to treatment by radiation. . ."