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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL SCHOOL AT DALLAS



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GALVESTON -- Contracts were awarded here today for two major building projects on the campus of The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas for a total of almost \$7 1/2 million.

Contract for \$7,041,800 to construct the new Basic Sciences Research Bldg. was awarded to T.C. Bateson Construction Co. and Bateson-Cheves Construction Co. of Dallas.

Contract for \$421,000 to construct an additional floor on the Cary Bldg. was awarded to Joe Funk Construction Engineers, Inc. of Dallas. The addition will house the medical school's new computer center.

The contracts were awarded by the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System at their monthly meeting, held today (Friday, June 20) at the U.T. Medical School at Galveston.

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first add construction contract

Original estimate of the cost of the Basic Sciences Research Bldg. was \$4,864,000. Following the escalating trend noted recently in bids on other public and school structures, the low bid was some 45 per cent above this estimate. The building is to be financed by a combination of federal, state and private funds. The excess cost will be made up by state funds.

The low bid of \$421,000 for the addition of a fourth floor to the Cary Bldg. exceeded the original cost estimate of \$410,000 by only \$11,000.

Plans for including a new Animal Care Facility in the Basic Sciences Research Bldg. were dropped when the low bid received for the combined project was almost \$9,000,000. Other arrangements for a new Animal Care Facility will be made at a later date.

The new Basic Sciences Research Bldg., to be erected to the west of the present campus buildings, will house the school's departments of Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry and Pharmacology. Architect is George L. Dahl.

A planning consultant firm was retained by the Board of Regents to assist in the campus development plan and design of authorized buildings at the medical school campus on Harry Hines Blvd.

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third add construction contract

The firm is E. Todd Wheeler and the Perkins and Will Partnership of Chicago, Ill., an experienced consultant group in the field of medical education program planning.

The Chicago group will work with the UT System's Office of Facilities Planning and Construction on the initial phase of originating planning and design and at the subsequent stage of reviewing schematic and preliminary design developments.

The firm was recommended due to the need for analysis and evaluation of solutions proposed by the staff of the Office of Facilities Planning and Construction and various project architects for buildings on the Dallas Medical School campus.

The E. Todd Wheeler and Perkins and Will firm also is expected to work with the Office of Facilities Planning and Construction in connection with the planning of the new UT Medical School at Houston and UT Dental School at San Antonio, both of which were authorized by the 61st Legislature.

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