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UT REGENTS AWARD CONTRACT FOR DALLAS HEALTH CENTER BUILDING

AUSTIN--The University of Texas Board of Regents Friday (July 19) awarded a construction contract for the Harry Moss Clinical Science Building at the UT Health Science Center at Dallas, thus completing the last major building link enabling Southwestern Medical School to double production of doctors.

The regents awarded the contract to LaRoe Building Co., Inc., of Terrell on low bid of \$11,250,705. Total project cost of the eight-level building, including architectural and engineering fees, is listed at \$12,842,536.

Dr. Charles C. Sprague, president of the UT Health Science Center at Dallas, commented, "I think this is exceedingly important in that it is the last building required to meet our commitment for enrollment of 800 medical students." This fall, Southwestern Medical School will accept its first freshman class of 200. This is nearly double class size of four years ago.

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first add clinical building

The Harry Moss Clinical Science building will bring the value of the health center's building program to more than \$50 million.

The structure is named for a late Dallas oilman whose will provided a trust of \$6 million to support heart research. Southwestern heart specialists currently are conducting a number of fundamental heart projects with these funds.

In addition, total cost of the new building includes an additional gift of \$500,000 approved by the trustees of the Harry Moss Trust, announced Dr. Sprague.

Biggest portion of the construction price was \$10,110,382 all allotted from Permanent University Fund bond proceeds, added Dr. Sprague.

The new facility was designed by the Dallas architectural firms of Fisher and Spillman and Preston Geren to house the clinical department of Surgery, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Psychiatry and Neurology.

One and a half floors will be designated for the Health Science Center's Animal Resources Facility. Dr. Sprague stressed the importance of this facility to the teaching and research commitments of the school.

The structure, on which work should begin during the month of August, will link to the present Karl Hoblitzelle Clinical Sciences Building and the Basic Sciences Research Center.

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At the moment, the Health Science Center's new complex of buildings is practically complete, with occupancy already underway and scheduled to be finished in September.

The Board of Regents also awarded a \$243,167 contract to Howard U. Freeman of Irving for construction of a Faculty Center at the Dallas medical school. The new 10,000-square-foot center will provide lounge and dining facilities for full-time and clinical or volunteer faculty, and alumni. Scheduled to get underway during the next few weeks, the unit is housed on the fourth floor of the Florence Bioinformation Center.

The new faculty center is named in memory of the late Dr. Alfred W. Harris, a Dallas internist and cardiologist, said Dr. Sprague.

Finally, the regents approved a \$35,000 greenhouse for the Dallas medical school. With extensive landscaping planned for the new \$50 million in buildings, recommendations were that it would be more economical if the center raised its own plants.