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Cawdrey and Vemo Company of Seattle has submitted the apparent low base bid of \$1,997,000 for construction of Phase One of the Seminar Building at The Evergreen State College. Estimates were opened today by the Division of Engineering and Architecture of the State Department of General Administration.

A Tacoma firm, Jones and Roberts, submitted a base bid which was only \$3,000 higher at \$2,000,000. Seven firms submitted construction proposals.

Base bids did not include four alternate items, including fans for Phase II of the building, a generator for emergency lighting, different interior doors, and a different roof insulation system.

Estimates were being studied by college staff to determine which of the two firms will have the actual low bid when alternates are calculated and added to the base estimates. A contract award will be made later by Evergreen's Board of Trustees.

Work on the 45,000 square foot building is expected to begin within one month and is scheduled for completion in early 1974. The structure will include space for the college registrar, admissions and personnel offices, some computing staff, temporary music practice rooms, and several conference-seminar rooms.

The two low bids both were within the project budget.

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