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Jones and Roberts Company of Tacoma has submitted the apparent low bid of \$3,525,000 for construction of the second phase of the Laboratory Building at The Evergreen State College. Five bids were opened yesterday by the Division of Engineering and Architecture, State Department of General Administration.

The 81,000-square-foot, three-story structure will be a near replica of and will attach to the first phase of the Laboratory Building, which was opened earlier this year. The new building -- like the one now in use -- will include conference and classrooms, faculty offices, and laboratories for the arts and sciences.

Work on the structure is scheduled to begin immediately after award of a contract and is expected to be completed by mid-1975.

The Jones and Roberts bid was more than \$460,000 below the architect's estimate of \$3,990,000.

In other bid action:

J. D. Dutton Company of Olympia submitted the only estimate for a miscellaneous site improvements project at Evergreen. The Olympia firm's bid of \$110,000 compared to the engineer's estimate of \$100,600 for the project, which essentially involves sidewalk construction and water extensions at various points on the college campus.

And, C. W. Englemann Construction Company of Lacey submitted the apparent low of nine bids for construction of a storage building near Evergreen's shop and garage facilities at the east end of the campus. The Englemann estimate of \$17,390 was higher than the architect's estimate of \$12,000.

All bids were taken under advisement for referral to the college Board of Trustees.

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