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The Evergreen State College at Olympia today issued invitations to private developers and contractors to submit prequalification proposals for a 60-unit on-campus housing project which would provide living accommodations for 220 students by September, 1972.

Vice President For Business Dean E. Clabaugh said that all developer-contractors satisfactorily meeting the prequalification requirements will be furnished a proposal request which includes detailed program requirements, design requirements, and contractual agreements. Prequalification proposals will be received until May 3.

Clabaugh said the proposal for private development of on-campus facilities has been reviewed with the college's Board of Trustees, which has informally approved the concept. "Final approval of the project rests with the board, which will be able to act after review of the prequalification proposals," he said.

"Our timetable calls for evaluating the initial proposals, then, in June, issuing a formal bid request to those firms who meet financial and experience requirements," Clabaugh said. "We will open sealed bids next July and award a contract in August. Work should begin during August and be completed a year later so that the units can be ready for occupancy by September, 1972."

Clabaugh outlined the housing proposal as follows:

The project will provide 50 furnished two-bedroom units with 900 square feet of space and ten furnished one-bedroom units with 700 square feet of space. Units--available for both single and married students--will include bathrooms, kitchens, dining areas, living areas and storage space. Convenient laundry and maintenance spaces will

Dick Nichols, Director Information Services also be part of the project.

The complex will be served with a paved parking area, roads and sidewalks, utilities and recreation areas and will be landscaped.

The 60-unit complex will be located on four acres of college-owned property north of the 428-student residential center, now under construction near the academic plaza of the campus.

The developer-contractor will finance all construction, improvements and furnishings within the perimeter of the leased land," Clabaugh said. "After acceptance of all improvements the college will lease the project from the contractor-developer, who will retain ownership. The college will assume full operation and management of the project, including all maintenance and minor repairs."

Clabaugh said the project site is approximately one-third of an eleven-acre parcel of college land. "We anticipate requesting proposals at a later date for construction of an additional 100 apartment units on the eight remaining acres," he added.

"The college will provide a paved road and extend sanitary sewer, water and electric power to the perimeter of the leased land at no cost to the contractor-developer. The project site is covered with trees and natural vegetation, which cannot be stripped. Facilities must be integrated with existing trees and ground cover."

Clabaugh said the structures in the first complex may be a combination of one, two and three-story construction, but that none of the buildings may exceed three stories.