

news release

Hoffman Construction Company of Portland, Oregon has submitted the apparent low bid of \$7,517,700 for construction of the library, first building to be erected on the campus of The Evergreen State College, Washington's newest four-year public college. ~~_____~~

The firm's bid, including 19 alternates, was well below the construction estimate of \$7,800,000. Some \$173,000 already had been expended under separate contract to excavate for the building to assure that work on the library could begin despite possible adverse weather conditions. This still leaves the project cost \$109,171 below budget.

Jerry L. Schillinger, Evergreen's Director of Facilities Planning, said that work on the 337,000 square foot building should begin about March 1, with August 15, 1971 set as the completion date. A contract will be awarded following college, state and federal review of the bids, Schillinger said.

The library will be a three-story structure with the exterior finished in light buff-colored architectural concrete. The building will have a full basement ~~_____~~ and a partial fourth floor for food service and conference-seminar rooms. The structure is so designed that those services can be removed and the library expanded over the entire floor if necessary.

Sized for an enrollment of 12,000, the ~~_____~~ ^{building} initially will house library, audio-visual facilities, small classrooms, faculty and administrative offices, computing and storage space and food services. Non-library functions will be moved out as other campus facilities are constructed with increased enrollments.

The library was designed by Durham, Anderson and Freed, Architects, of Seattle.

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Here is the pertinent information regarding the February 10 bid opening for The Evergreen State College library building:

Six bidders. Apparent low Hoffman Construction of Portland, \$7,517,700.

(Hoffman already is building the new St. Peter Hospital and Highways Building on the east Capitol Campus, I understand.)

The estimated construction cost for the library was \$7.8 million. Some \$173,000 already had been expended for excavation work, bringing the cost (excavation plus Hoffman's bid to \$7,690,829, or \$109,171 under the budget estimate.

The Hoffman bid breaks down this way:

Base bid \$7,245,000

Alternates (19 various ones) \$272,700

Total bid \$7,517,700

We expect work will begin on or about March 1, following bid reviews and approvals by (1) Warren RoxBrown, chief of the State Division of Engineering and Architecture (2) our staff (3) the college Board of Trustees and (4) the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare, which is involved because federal money (approx. \$565,000) is included in the project.

As you know, the building is sized for a student enrollment of 12,000, but initially will house library, audio-visual, small classrooms, faculty offices, administrative offices, computing space, storage space and food service facilities (on a limited basis). The structure, the exterior of which will be poured-in-place concrete, is three stories high, with a full basement and a partial fourth floor, which can be expanded if future library requirements demand it.

Non-library functions will be phased out over the years as the enrollment moves toward the 12,000 level.

Durham, Anderson and Freed of Seattle was the architect for the project.

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