

Regents approved selection of Turnkey Design and Construction Co. to build the planned Center for Magnetic Recording Research

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The University of California Board of Regents has approved the selection of Turnkey Design and Construction Co. of San Diego to build the planned Center for Magnetic Recording Research at the University of California, San Diego.

The Regents approval came during their June meeting at the University of California, Irvine campus.

Construction of the \$5.2 million facility is scheduled to begin in July with completion planned for July 1985. Total cost of the project, including equipment and furnishings, will be \$6.1 million.

The 57,500 square-foot building will be located in an area east of the Central University Library and north of Miramar Road near Warren campus.

The facility will house one of the few academic centers in the United States engaged in major research and teaching in the field of magnetic recording technology. It will also include a 13,000 square-foot structures and materials testing laboratory. A portion of the building will also provide critically needed teaching facilities for the Division of Engineering.

Magnetic recording, which is critical to mass data storage, is a \$20 billion a year industry in the United States, yet, because of its interdisciplinary nature, has lacked a solid academic base on U.S. campuses. In 1983 UCSD, in competition with other leading research institutions around the country, was chosen as the site for construction of the Center For Magnetic Recording Research.

In order to meet the acute need for continuing research into magnetic recording, a number of industries have provided a grant to establish the center. They include IBM, Eastman Kodak, 3M Corporation, Control Data Corporation, Verbatim, Applied Magnetics Corporation, Seagate Technology, National Micronetics Inc., Cipher Data Products and Data Electronics Inc.

UCSD has committed land and \$1 million toward the center, with \$3 million coming from industrial grants, another \$1 million coming from the Regents and a single donor gift of \$1 million.

Turnkey was chosen from among five firms submitting design and cost proposals for the contract.

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