

UC Regents approve architect for UCSD Undergraduate Sciences building renovations

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UC REGENTS APPROVE ARCHITECT FOR RENOVATIONS OF UNDERGRADUATE SCIENCES BUILDING

The University of California Board of Regents today approved the appointment of James Lawson Piridy, AIA, Architects, Planners and Consultants, of Newport Beach, CA, as architect for renovation and seismic correction of the Undergraduate Sciences Building at the University of California, San Diego.

The total cost of the project, approved by the Regents in September, 1987, will be \$6,673,000 with construction scheduled to begin in July, 1989. The project will renovate 29,261 square feet in USB to consolidate and expand the undergraduate teaching operations of the biology and chemistry departments.

The project will also correct seismic deficiencies in the building, as recommended by a structural engineering consultant.

REGENTS APPROVE ARCHITECTS FOR UCSD SCIENCES BUILDING

The University of California Regents today approved Mitchell/Giurgola Architects, New York, in association with Austin, Hansen, Fehlman/Group, San Diego, as architects for the \$47.5 million Sciences Building to be built on the University of California, San Diego campus.

The state-funded building will contain 182,608 gross square feet and will be occupied by the departments of biology and chemistry, according to M.B. Hellmann, AIA, acting assistant vice chancellor for facilities design and construction. Design work is scheduled to begin in July 1988 with groundbreaking projected for July 1990.

"The campus is very excited with the combination of architectural talents brought together by this association," Hellmann said.

Mitchell/Giurgola Architects will be responsible for the schematics, design development and construction documents for the project, and Austin, Hansen, Fehlman/Group will be responsible for the bid and award, and construction administration phases. The two firms will work closely together throughout the project, and Mitchell/Giurgola will act as the university's primary contact, conducting all project management activity with the University.

ARCHITECTS NAMED

Mitchell/Giurgola is internationally known for its work in health care, housing and urban related projects. The firm received the Medal of Honor from the New York Chapter of the American Institute for Architects (AIA) and the Architectural Firm Award of the AIA, the highest award bestowed upon a firm by the American Institute for Architects. In addition, Ramaldo Giurgola, who will be the design principal on the Sciences Building project, is the 1982 recipient of the AIA Gold Medal, the highest award the AIA gives to an individual.

Austin, Hansen, Felman is primarily known for its work in institutional, research and development facilities. It is the associated architect for the Price Center, a \$16 million university center and book store currently under construction at UCSD. The firm has been involved in a number of local multimillion projects, including the Tri-City Medical Center in Oceanside, Scripps Clinic in Carmel Mountain Ranch, the Navy Regional Medical Center in San Diego, and the Whittier Institute Diabetes Laboratories in La Jolla.

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