

Blake Construction has been selected to construct the University Center

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BLAKE CONSTRUCTION WINS UCSD UNIVERSITY CENTER BID

Blake Construction Company has been selected to construct the University Center at the University of California, San Diego.

Blake's bid of \$13,713,000 was the lowest among seven companies who bid on the project. Charles Powers, director of UCSD's facilities design and construction department, was delighted with the bid outcome. "If we exercise all of the additive alternates, Blake's \$13.7 million bid will be right on budget," Powers said.

Blake listed the following subcontractors: earthwork - C.W. McGrath, Inc.; underground utilities and mechanical - University Mechanical; concrete reinforcing - J.L. Davidson Company; architectural precast concrete - Willis Construction Company; stone - Carrara Marble Company; structural steel - C & B Steel; metal decking - Wincon, Inc.; miscellaneous metal - ATA Railing; built-up roofing - La Quinta Roofing, Inc.; flashing and sheet metal - Ehmcke Sheet Metal; storefront and glazing - Center Glass; drywall, lath and plaster - E.F. Brady; tile - Hackett Engineering; painting and wall covering - Worthington Painting; elevators - American Elevators; fire protection - Wormald Fire Systems Southwest; and electrical - Saturn Electric.

The Center was designed by the San Francisco firm of Kaplan/McLaughlin/Diaz, in association with the Austin Hansen Fehlman Group of San Diego. Groundbreaking for the 120,000 assignable square foot building will be held Sunday, May 3, during a campus wide Open House. Completion is expected in late 1988.

The Center will be built on a five-acre site southeast of the Central Library. It will be made up of two major structures, one with three levels and one with two. There will be an open plaza area between the structures for open dining and outdoor performances.

Envisioned as the social and cultural heart of the campus, the Center will house the campus bookstore, lounges, a ballroom which will accommodate 1,500 people, kitchen facilities, several restaurants, a pub, recreation areas, a 500-seat theater/classroom, and office space for campus groups.

Founder of the Price Company, Sol Price, and his family recently gave \$2 million to help build the Center. The gift is one of the largest in the history of UCSD. In appreciation of the gift, UCSD proposes to have the facility named the Price Center, an action which requires approval of the UC Board of Regents.

No state funds will be used to complete the project's financing. Funding will come from student fees, revenue bonds, UCSD parents and alumni, a commercial loan, the 25th anniversary capital campaign, the chancellor's unrestricted funds, and the campus bookstore.

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