Regents awarded contract for construction of first two buildings of the new School of Science and Engineering

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The Regents of the University of California; meeting in Los Angeles today, awarded a $3,728,100 contract for the construction of the first two buildings of the new graduate School of Science and Engineering in San Diego and approved plans for constructing a park-like entrance area to the grounds of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

Contract for the building of a seven-story laboratory and office building and a central utilities building of the School of Science and Engineering, both designed by the firm of Risley and Gould., was awarded to J. S. Allen and Company, of Anaheim and Santa Barbara. Ground will be broken at the site within a month, according to J. W. Tippetts, Building Program Coordinator at San Diego, and completion is expected early in 1963. The building will be erected a few yards southwest of the junction of Miramar Road and U. S. 101.

A recently-acquired tract of 2.8 acres immediately south of the present campus is involved in the landscaping plans. These were drawn up by Harriett Wimmer and Joseph Yamada, consulting landscape architects for the campus, working with Risley and Gould, consulting architects for the campus. The eastern portion of the area, bordering on La Jolla Shores Drive, will be extensively landscaped. Toward the ocean, parking space will be provided for 116 cars. A small residence presently on the site will be relocated and used temporarily for additional office space. A portion of the street, El Paseo Grande will be vacated and a new right of way dedicated.

Estimated cost of the project will be $80,000. Completion is expected by the fall of 1961, Tippetts said.