

\$572,000 Lowest Bid For Maritime School Dormitory

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Bids were opened in Sacramento yesterday by the State Division of Architecture for construction of a three-story dormitory to house 200 midshipmen at the California Maritime Academy.

The State Legislature has allocated \$575,000 for the new building and the total of low bids on the project was \$572,000.

The dormitory will replace the temporary barracks at the academy, and in addition to its housing facilities it will provide reception areas for midshipmen's guests, other lounge and recreation areas, ample toilet facilities, library, a small canteen and administration offices.

The rooms are designed to more or less simulate shipboard conditions.

Each room will house two

midshipmen and instead of beds will contain built-in bunks, each separated by a partition.

Located half way up a hill behind the gymnasium, the new dormitory will command a sweeping view of Carquinez Strait.

THE LOW bidder under the general work category was submitted by the Rapp, Christensen and Foster Co., of Santa Rosa, \$434,000. Second low bid was \$440,880 by the M. and K. Corp., of San Francisco, and the third low bid was \$443,000 by the Joseph Bettencourt Co., of South San Francisco.

In the electrical division, the Solano Electric Co., of Fairfield, submitted the low bid of \$38,774. The Collins Electrical Co., of Stockton had \$39,633, and the Stanley Pearce Electrical Co. of Vallejo was third with a bid of \$39,774.

A combined low bid for mechanical work, including heating and plumbing, was submitted by the Melino Plumbing and Heating Co., of Richmond, with a figure of \$99,903.

Lowest separate heating bids were submitted by W. L. Hickey and Son, of Lomita Park, \$56,323; Ed Peterson, Sonoma, \$71,812; Harold Beasley, Vallejo, \$67,717; and E. H. Morrell, of Berkeley, \$69,648.

Lowest separate plumbing bids were submitted by E. H. Morrell, Berkeley, \$45,541; Harold Beasley, Vallejo, \$47,777, and W. L. Hickey, Lomita Park, \$49,862.

Other combined bids for the mechanical division included

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those of Hickey for \$103,281; Morrell, \$113,713 and Beasley, \$113,777.

In addition to the various divisions, the Pacific Co., of Berkeley entered an over-all bid of \$618,800, and W. J. Kubon Co., of San Rafael, \$631,621.

Contracts for the work will probably be awarded Thursday or Friday, a spokesman at the division of architects office said, with the strong possibility that work will begin within three to four weeks afterwards.

The bids must be analyzed and contracts prepared and sent to the low bidders, as well as undergo scrutiny by the State Attorney General's office.

Capt. H. E. Richter, USN, (Ret.) academy superintendent, declared yesterday he was "delighted" with the prospects of the new dormitory in the immediate future.

"It will be a fine thing for the academy," he said. "The temporary barracks have served their purpose, but they were crowded and it has been necessary to have some of the midshipmen sleep on the training ship."

"The new dormitory will answer many needs at the academy."