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Bids for the construction of St. Cloud State College's new Industry and Arts Building totaled \$717,527, or \$60,493 less than the amount which had been budgeted from the legislative appropriation, according to Howard Walton, director of physical resources at the college.

All three low bidders were St. Cloud firms. The general construction contract was awarded to Wahl Construction Company on its low bid of \$492,825. Knapp Plumbing and Heating was the apparent low bidder for mechanical work with a figure of \$140,600. For electrical work, the apparent low bid was \$84,102, submitted by Granite City Electric. The mechanical and electrical bids were reopened Tuesday (Oct. 31) because of an inconsistency when bids were first opened Oct. 17.

Excavation for the building already has begun at the site west of the Science and Mathematics Building. The two-story brick and concrete structure is scheduled for completion by the end of 1962.

Frank Jackson and Associates of St. Cloud is building architect and Orr-Schelen, Inc., of Minneapolis is consulting engineer.