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ARLINGTON--Arlington State College will bid for a new National Institute for the Deaf with an enrollment capacity of 600, ASC president Dr. J. R. Woolf announced Tuesday.

"We have sent a letter to the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare that we intend to submit a late proposal for the institute," Dr. Woolf said. "We heard about the proposal only a few days ago."

Dr. Woolf said the deadline for application was June 1. The University of Texas board of regents gave ASC the go-ahead last weekend in their meeting at El Paso.

The new institute was established by Congress last year. The three-year academic program, calling for instruction in commercial art, data processing, architectural drafting, engineering drafting, engineering technology, and medical technology, will be completely financed by the federal government, Dr. Woolf said. The institute will be co-educational.

"It is believed the physical plant for the institute will cost around \$15 million. The operating budget will probably be \$3 to \$6 million," Dr. Woolf estimated.

An advisory board which will recommend three locations for the institute, which must be located at a degree-granting college. Secretary John W. Gardner will choose the eventual site, Dr. Woolf said.

The ASC president said the academic part of the institute would be completely separate from ASC academic requirements. It is estimated that there are about 3,000 deaf high school graduates each year in the U.S.

The only other college for the deaf is Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C., which is also financed by the government.