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AUSTIN, Texas (Spl.) -- Two University of Texas at Arlington building projects, having a combined estimated total cost of more than \$29 million, were approved here Friday (Oct. 24) by the UT System Board of Regents.

The largest of the projects, which will cost an estimated \$18.7 million, is expansion of the College of Engineering facilities through the construction of an Engineering Building addition and renovation of the existing building.

The firm of Albert S. Komatsu & Associates of Fort Worth was appointed project architect to prepare preliminary plans and a cost estimate for consideration of the Regents at a future meeting.

President Wendell Nedderman of UT Arlington reported that the Engineering Building facilities are insufficient and outmoded to meet today's engineering curriculum, since the existing building was planned in 1958 and completed in 1960 before the University became a four-year institution.

The building addition would add approximately 150,000 gross square feet of space, while updating teaching facilities and equipment for the College of Engineering.

The second UT Arlington building project approved by the Regents, which will cost an estimated \$10.4 million, is construction of a new thermal energy plant on the west side of the campus, modifications to the existing plant and campus distribution system. 2--UT--North Texas Roundup

The Regents appointed the firm of Love Friberg & Associates of Fort Worth as the project engineer.

Construction of five parking lots in the north and southeast areas of the UT Arlington campus also was approved by the Regents. If the project is approved by the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, a total of 1,368 parking spaces would be provided at an estimated total project cost of \$542,400.

For the Dallas Health Science Center, another North Texas component institution of the UT System, the Regents authorized the renovation of two recently acquired structures--the Locke Building and the Napa Building.

Since the Coordinating Board reported favorably Friday on the projects, renovation totaling an estimated \$3 million will be undertaken on the Locke Building and \$1,215,000 on the Napa Building.

The firm of Harper/Kemp/Clutts & Parker of Dallas was appointed project architect for the Locke Building, located at 6011 Harry Hines Boulevard, and the firm of Dahl/Braden/Chapman Inc. of Dallas was named project architect for the Napa Building, at 4600 Harry Hines Boulevard.

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