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NEWS RELEASE  
PHYSICAL SCIENCES BUILDING  
June 12, 1992

Representing Horst, Terrill & Karst Architects:  
Gary Karst, Principal

Representing Stecklein & Brungardt Architects:  
Alan Stecklein, Principal  
Wayne Brungardt, Principal

Representing Hoss & Brown Engineers:  
Pete Laughlin, Principal

The new Physical Sciences Building at Fort Hays State University will house the departments of Chemistry, Geosciences and Physics, along with the academic Computing Center. The building will contain approximately 85,000 gross square feet and approximately 50,000 net assignable square feet. Physics, Chemistry and Geosciences will be in a 3-story tower and the Computing Center will be in a 1-story wing. Along with the departments, a full complement of classrooms and computer labs will support this facility, as well as being accessible to the remainder of campus. State of the art technology will be utilized throughout the building, examples include 2-way interactive video classrooms, computers integrated into wet labs, etc.

The design of the project is a joint venture between Stecklein & Brungardt, Architects, Hays, and Horst, Terrill & Karst Architects, Topeka. Mechanical and electrical engineering for the project will be done by Hoss & Brown Engineers, Topeka. Structural design will be by Finney & Turnipseed, Topeka. The design reflects not only the high tech aspects of the building, but responds to the pedestrian and traffic flow around the site. The pedestrian plaza will be included in the design while maintaining minimal loss of parking.

The cost of the project is \$11,976,800, with a Department of Energy grant providing \$3,976,800 and the remaining \$8,000,000 funded by the State. The project is expected to bid around January, 1993, with construction starting about the first of May and a completion date scheduled for August, 1994.