Bids for the construction of a humanities building at the University of Southwestern Louisiana will be opened on Sept. 28. Bonds in the amount of $2.2 million for the construction of the five-stories building were sold Tuesday by the State Bond and Building Commission at an interest rate of 7.03 per cent.

An interest subsidy grant to USL from the Department of Health Education and Welfare, Office of Education, covers four per cent of the interest rate. The $3.2 million needed for the total project will come from Federal grants and proceeds from the sale of the bonds, secured by the building use fee.

Plans for the building, drawn by Perry Segura and Associates, architects, have been approved by the State Board of Education.

Construction of the building will be on a site to the rear of Madison Hall the engineering building, and will face Rex Street.

Included in the building will be a 250-capacity classroom for the department of history; four 150-capacity classrooms for English, history; 42 classrooms with a capacity of 35 each for English, history and foreign languages; 10 seminar rooms; 118 faculty offices; and six spaces, which will allow for office space for 60 graduate assistants. There will also be a 150-capacity language laboratory.

The new structure will have a parking area for 200 cars.