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# Bids Due on Six New Buildings At State School

ALBANY—Construction of six additional buildings at the Willowbrook State School on Staten Island to cost \$2,000,000 should get under way some time in April, State

Senator Edward V. Curry reported today following a conference here with state officials.

The Staten Island legislator said he had been assured by Carl E. Largent, state architect, that everything possible is being done to expedite this work and that bids for construction of all six buildings—five infirmaries and one day care center—will be advertised beginning Thursday.

The bids are due to be opened March 22 and barring unforeseen conditions, the contracts should be awarded in time to permit construction to begin in April, according to Curry.

**CONSTRUCTION** work will provide employment for several hundred Staten Islanders and take two years to complete. Curry pointed out that the completed buildings will also mean a larger maintenance staff at the Willowbrook School and more employment for Staten Islanders.

The legislator said he sought a clarification of the construction program at the request of labor representatives on the Island, who are anxious for the work to be started. The program originally called for the construction of seven buildings, but only one has been built so far.

Each of the new infirmary buildings will have accommodations for 160 patients, ranging from infancy to 5 years of age, and for nurses and other personnel.