

CSI campus architect team picked

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A team of nationally prominent, New York-based architectural firms has been selected to begin the final design of the new consolidated campus of the College of Staten Island in Willowbrook.

The overall project, on the grounds of the former Staten Island Developmental Center (SIDC), has been divided into five separate design packages, based on the master plan developed by Edward Durell Stone Associates.

Stone Associates will coordinate a team composed of Ulrich Franzen and Associates; Mayers & Schiff Associates; Perry, Dean, Rogers & Partners; Conklin Rosant and Stone & Webster Engineering Corp.

The team will design the \$190 million construction of the college's unified campus, which will include new buildings and the renovation of existing structures on 202 acres of land at SIDC.

The five firms were chosen by a CSI selection committee after interviews with the architects, evaluation of their capabilities and inspection of several buildings that represented the past work of firms under consideration. City University of New York trustees approved the selections.

"The architects we have chosen for design and construction of the college's new campus have demonstrated consideration of the human component in any building complex," said CSI President Edmond L. Volpe, who headed the selection panel.

"The committee was fortunate

in having so much talent to consider," he added. "It is our belief that the firms chosen will build an outstanding campus for the college and its community."

Stone Associates is promising to deliver the college's 10,500 students from the asphalt of the Sunnyside and St. George campuses to a bucolic setting tucked inside the Greenbelt.

Existing SIDC buildings of brick with slate-colored terra cotta roofs and neo-Georgian architecture will be renovated for academic use, and new construction will be in harmony with the older buildings. The old buildings will form north and south academic quadrangles on the campus.

The new campus will include a theater and performing arts center facing a great lawn, a new gymnasium and parking lots based on the perimeter of the acreage, away from the quadrangles.

The site is already equipped with 19th-century landscaping in the Olmsted tradition, and lawns, athletic fields, meadows, shrubbery and courtyards are planned for the campus interior.

Willowbrook Park offers a permanent natural edge to the site's western boundary, and deciduous woodlands, athletic fields and plantings will serve as buffers bordering other perimeters.

The state Dormitory Authority took over the SIDC site in mid-September from the state Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. Construction on the new campus is to begin in 1989, with the college moving to the new site in 1992.