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WASHINGTON — Bids for construction of the foundation for the Fairbanks federal office building will be issued Wednesday, July 3, at the General

Services Administration's regional office in Seattle, Wash.

The bids will be opened on July 29 for the initial phase of the work, estimated to cost between \$100,000 and \$500,000, according to a GSA spokesman.

Sen. Mike Gravel, D-Alaska, who sponsored legislation securing authorization and funding for the building, will join GSA Administrator Arthur Sampson for groundbreaking ceremonies.

The ceremonies are scheduled for 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 23rd at the Gaffney Road and Twelfth Avenue site of the new building. Cost of the building is estimated at \$16.6 million.

The building will house a variety of federal agency offices, including the Soil Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Federal Aviation Administration and the Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife.

The bids have been set aside for small business concerns, according to the GSA spokesman. Bidding documents will be available from GSA's Regional Director of Business Affairs, 915 Second Ave., Seattle, Wash.

The anticipated completion date of the building, providing 243,000 square feet, is November of 1977.