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12-1-68 Convention Center Architects Named

The firm of Dreyfuss and Blackford of Sacramento has been signed as the architect for the Santa Cruz convention center.

The contract was signed by Santa Cruz City Councilman Samuel Leask III, chairman of the convention center joint powers authority.

The move came after the authority had interviewed six California architectural firms. The Dreyfuss and Blackford choice was unanimous among authority members and was later approved by the city council and the county board of supervisors.

The agreement calls for the firm to perform all architectural services, completing the building's design in six months. The

architects are also to hire a convention center expert, at the firm's expense, to work both with them and the joint powers authority.

Tentative budget for the building alone has been established at \$1.5 million. The entire project cost, including some land acquisition, architectural and finance fees, equipping and furnishing the building, landscaping and bond interest, is estimated at \$2.5 million.

The signing of the architectural contract marks a significant milestone in convention center progress, a joint powers authority spokesman reported. After months of preliminary groundwork, work on the project itself now is beginning in earnest.