

Firm wins contract for Upcountry school project

WAILUKU — A California construction company has been awarded a \$23 million contract to build the first increment of the new King Kekaulike High School in Kula.

F&H Construction of Stockton, Calif., won the contract after another firm dropped out of contention with an even lower bid, according to David Keala, Maui District business services specialist.

Keala said F&H's bid came in well below the \$32 million projected for the high school.

"There's such a dire need for work," Keala explained.

As a result of the low bid, first increment construction will provide for everything that had been

tentatively planned for it, he said.

Among the buildings planned in the first increment are two two-story classrooms, a physical education shower and locker room, a one-story administration office/library, covered walkways and tennis courts.

King Kekaulike High School is targeted to open on 50 acres above the Five Trees junction of the Kula and Haleakala highways in September 1995. The pineapple field is now being acquired from Maui Land & Pineapple Co.

The initial increment — the first of six phases — will be designed for the freshman class only. Classes will be added one year at a time.