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Bexar County, Northside ISD work out agreement for national swim center

Bexar County Commissioners Court on Tuesday approved a grant and development agreement with the Northside Independent School District to build a \$14 million national swim complex. The project is one of 13 amateur sports complexes approved by voters to be built with the County's Visitor Tax, a mix of hotel occupancy and motor vehicle rental taxes.

"I am grateful for the strong leadership on this project provided by NISD and Dr. John Folks," County Judge Nelson W. Wolff said. "There are only two major swim centers like this one in the nation — one on the East Coast and one on the West Coast. This center will make a significant difference in our ability to attract all types of swimming and diving tournaments."

Under the agreement, NISD will be responsible for constructing and operating the complex, while Bexar County will contribute \$7 million to fund the project. The complex, located at 8400 N. Loop 1604 West, will include a competition size outdoor pool, a diving and warm-up pool, spacious locker room and dressing facilities, restrooms, concessions and state-of-the-art timing, audio and lighting systems.

"This project is forecasted to be one of the only swimming and diving facilities of its kind in the Central United States," said Community Venues Program Director Mike Sculley. "This national swim center will not only create visibility for NISD, Bexar County and San Antonio, but is projected to bring some wonderful national and international events to the area."

School district officials said they expect construction to begin this year and the complex to open in 2012.