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BELCOURT SCHOOL CONTRACT AWARDED

The Department of the Interior today announced the award of a \$1,011,750 contract for the construction of a new 12-classroom high school on the Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation at Belcourt, North Dakota.

The new school will provide seats for 360 Indian students. It will serve the dual purpose of relieving overcrowding in the Indian Bureau's present combined elementary and high school at Belcourt and of accommodating 260 additional high school pupils.

In addition to the 12 academic classrooms, the facility will include a kitchen designed to provide a noon lunch for the entire student body, a standard-size high school gymnasium, a science laboratory, a school library and a classroom for home economics.

The successful bidder was T. F. Powers Construction Co. of Fargo, North Dakota. Eight higher bids were received, ranging from \$1,049,000.00 to \$1,168,000.00.

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