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CONTRACT AWARDED FOR WIDE RUINS SCHOOL

Award of a \$962,754 contract that will double the enrollment capacity of the Wide Ruins Boarding School on the Navajo Indian Reservation in Arizona was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

The contract calls for the construction of two 80-pupil dormitories, a kitchen-dining hall, and an addition to the existing school consisting of three classrooms and a multipurpose room. Sixteen employees' quarters, a 4-car garage and a storage, maintenance and fire house are also to be constructed. The outside work to be accomplished will include demolition of several old structures, bituminous paved roads, perimeter fencing, concrete sidewalks, water and sewage lines, an elevated water tower, and extension to the electrical distribution system.

This construction, when complete, will provide for 90 additional pupils and replace unsafe or overcrowded facilities now accommodating about 90 pupils.

The successful bidder was B & E Constructors Incorporated, of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Ten higher bids, ranging from \$989,454 to \$1,249,950, were received.

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