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#### FOUR ROAD IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS AWARDED ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Award of four contracts aggregating \$474,881.48 for road improvement work on Indian reservations in South Dakota was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

Two of the jobs are on the Pine Ridge Reservation, one at Rosebud and one at Crow Creek.

One Pine Ridge contract for \$203,479.43 covers all-weather surfacing of 8.9 miles of road from Kyle south towards Batesland to provide for all-weather travel for school buses, mail route, and travel needs of 200 Indian families in the area. It is part of the main access route from U. S. Highway 18 located in the eastern part of the reservation. The contract also includes 5.2 miles of road between Rockyford and Manderson to complete an all-weather road between the two communities and directly serve more than 100 Indian families for mail route, school bus, farm-to-market and intercommunity travel. J. F. England's Sons, Inc., and Robt. Millard of Rapid City were the low and successful bidders.

The other Pine Ridge contract for \$166,805.75 covers 10.2 miles of road in the vicinity of Wanblee. This contract will provide an all-weather access road from State Highway 73 to the Wanblee Indian community and directly serve more than 200 Indian families for mail route, school bus, and farm-to-market travel. The firm of R. C. Van Houten and Sons of Rapid City was the successful bidder with the lowest of six bids received.

A \$68,616 contract for asphalt paving of 7.177 miles of the Rosebud Mission Road on the Rosebud Reservation in Todd County, was won by low bidder, Carlson Lien Construction Company of Rapid City, S. Dak. This work will provide asphalt pavement on the Rosebud-Mission road which is the main access road from the Rosebud Indian community and hospital to U. S. Route 18 just west of Mission, S. Dak. The road will also greatly benefit the school bus route between the Rosebud community and Mission High School.

The fourth contract of \$35,980.30 is for reconstruction and repaving of 1.508 miles of the Pierre Indian School street system on the Crow Creek Reservation, Pierre, S. Dak. The job will provide needed improvements to roads on the school grounds caused by the increased traffic resulting from the relocation of the agency headquarters from Ft. Thompson to Pierre. Dakota Asphalt Sales Corporation of Sioux Falls, was given the contract and submitted the lowest of the three bids received.

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