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The Bureau of Indian Affairs today announced the award of a $2,237,520 contract to construct new facilities at its Concho, Okla., elementary school. The school, originally established as the Cheyenne-Arapaho Boarding School in the late 1800's to serve two area tribes, now enrolls Indian students from a number of other tribes. Last year 162 students in grades 1-8 were enrolled.

The contract calls for replacement of several antiquated existing structures which have been abandoned for struct11ral or safety reasons. The academic building will include: 11-classrooms, a multipurpose room, an instructional materials center, classrooms for home economics, general science, and practical arts, plus administrative offices. Also included in the contract are a kitchen-dining hall, two 128-pupil dormitories, quarters for school employees, paving and site grading, water and sewerage extensions and related site work. The basement of the dining hall will be reinforced to serve as a tornado shelter.

Successful bidder was the Atlas Organization, Inc., and Barton Theater Co., a joint venture, of Oklahoma City, Okla. Seven higher bids were received, ranging upward to $2,338,000.