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Construction of a new elementary school at Cottonwood, Ariz., to accommodate upwards of 450 Indian children, is scheduled to begin soon, The Bureau of Indian Affairs announced today the award of a building contract for $1,359,828.

Children in the area of Blue Gap, Tachee, Smoke Signal, Whippoorwill and Cottonwood, who have all been attending trailer schools, will use the new Cottonwood School when it is completed.

The construction contract calls for a 15-classroom building; multi-purpose building; fire station and garage; storage facilities; generator building and pump house and 18 homes and two duplex apartments for staff. Outside work includes a water system with 150,000 gallon reservoir, sewage system with lagoons, electrical system with a relocation of existing generators and site improvements.

The successful bidder was Medley Construction Company of Albuquerque, N. Mex. Seven higher bids, ranging from $1,392,000 to $1,568,500 were received.