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The Bureau of Indian Affairs has awarded a $98,750 contract to Twinco-Enki Corp. of San Fernando, Calif., to review and evaluate projects undertaken by the Bureau under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

The Act, which was amended in 1966 to provide funds for Indian education, requires a broad-based evaluation of projects carried out under its provisions. Twinco-Enki will direct the evaluation from its Muskogee, Okla., branch office, which is centrally located for a number of BIA education projects currently operating.

Some typical current projects include:

- A program for teaching English as a second language involving 18,450 youngsters on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona, New Mexico and Utah.
- Enrichment of the educational program and related services for 1,170 Indian children by the Bureau's Choctaw Agency in Oklahoma.
- An elementary guidance program for 1,380 day and boarding school children by the United Pueblos Agency in New Mexico.

Approximately 65 projects will be monitored and an additional six projects will be selected for study and analysis in depth. Twinco-Enki also will supply assistance in implementing the six projects in the control study.

An essential part of the work to be done under the contract will be a centralized testing program to determine the effectiveness of the projects in meeting the Bureau's education goals.

The contract calls for completion of the evaluation and analysis by June 30, 1967 and submission of a final report to the Bureau of Indian Affairs within 45 days after that date.