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The Navajo Indian Tribe will receive more than $7.3 million, under a contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to be used in public schools
serving Navajo students, Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson announced today.

The contract, awarded August 11, gives the tribe administrative responsibility for the Johnson-O'Malley (JOM) programs serving the reservation.

The JOM funds are generally used to provide special programs to meet the needs of the Indian students in public school. Indian education committees at the local school level have authority under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to approve the programs for which the funds are used.

The tribe subcontracts with the local schools or school districts for the service and programs to be provided the students.