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Commissioner Louis R. Bruce of the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs announced today that two highway construction contracts totaling nearly $7.6 million have been let by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for projects on the Arizona portion of the Navajo Indian Reservation.

One is a $5,344,476 contract funded jointly by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the National Park Service for construction of an all-weather highway between Chinle, Ariz. and the Navajo Community College at Tsaile, and access to scenic overlooks within the Canyon de Chelly National Park at four locations. It involves 24.4 miles of bituminous surfaced highway and 5.3 miles of paved access roads. Low bidder was Wylie Brothers Contracting Company, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The other is a $2,253,358 contract for construction of 10.6 miles of bituminous surfaced highway and a 144.8 foot two-span bridge that will complete an all-weather highway between Window Rock, Ariz., seat of the Navajo Tribal government, and Interstate 40 at Lupton, Ariz. Construction will take place between Oak Springs and Lupton, Ariz. Low bidder was Armstrong and Armstrong, Roswell, New Mexico.