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Commissioner of Indian Affairs Louis R. Bruce today announced the award of an $808,000 contract for construction of a graphic arts building at Haskell Indian Junior College, Lawrence, Kans., to Constant Construction Co., Inc., of Lawrence, Kans.

Haskell Indian Junior College, a Bureau of Indian Affairs school, has an enrollment of about 200 American Indian students in its college program an 1,000 in its trade-technical and business training program.

The new building, to be built of brick along contemporary lines, is scheduled for use at the beginning of the 1972 school year. The one-story building will include four printing laboratories each with a classroom, darkroom, and storeroom for materials. Equipment to be used for training is expected to reflect a cross-section of printing and type composition methods used commercially today.

Commissioner Bruce said, in announcing this milestone: “We are seeking to make Haskell Indian Junior College a junior college and vocational school the equal of any in the nation. This takes first class facilities.

"This new graphic arts building will do much to move courses in the field of graphics at this school into concepts that reflect today’s methods and today's thinking."