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Award of a $1,600,000 contract for construction of a new school building and two dormitories on the campus of the Haskell Indian Institute at Lawrence, Kansas, was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

The school building will contain twelve standard classrooms, two science rooms, an audio-visual room and a library and general administration unit. One dormitory will provide facilities for 400 boys; the other for 256 girls. Both dormitories will be two-story reinforced concrete, steel and brick construction; the school building will be one-story reinforced concrete, steel, brick and structural glazed tile construction. These buildings, when complete) will replace outmoded school and dormitory structures.

Haskell Institute is a vocational training school for approximately 1,000 Indian boys and girls in high school and post-high school grades from all parts of the United States.

The successful bidder was Harmon Construction Company, of Oklahoma City, Okla. seven higher bids were received, ranging from $1,685,000 to $1,990,000.