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Award of a \$30,700 contract to begin construction of a new student union building at the Haskell Indian Institute, Lawrence, Kansas was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

The contract covers the installation of concrete piling and grade beams for the new structure. When completed, the building will provide improved scholastic and recreational facilities for about 1,100 Indian students at the nationally famed Kansas institution.

Haskell Institute is an accredited high school offering postgraduate vocational training and a two-year course in commercial work for high school graduates. It enrolls Indian pupils from widely scattered and remote reservation areas of the West and Southwest who do not have access to adequate or suitable education facilities in their home communities. For the past several years all Haskell graduates have been placed in jobs following graduation.

The contract was awarded to Constant Construction Company of Lawrence. Two other bids were received ranging up to \$37,854.
