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Award of an $874,700 construction contract that will provide 150 additional classroom seats for Indian students in the White Shield School at Emmet, North Dakota, on the Fort Berthold Reservation was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

The contract calls for construction of about 22,000 square feet of new classroom space and the remodeling of the existing school building. Additional work to be done under the contract includes the construction of a 7-stall bus garage and 12 employees' quarters, the remodeling of the kitchen-dining room, paving of streets, and other site improvements.
When completed, the project will provide educational opportunity for 190 Indian children from the beginning grades through high school.

The successful bidder was Brezina Construction Co., Inc., of Minot, N.D. Seven higher bids, ranging from $896,920 to $987,000, were received.