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Award of a $729,911 contract for the construction of school facilities on the Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation at Fort Yates, North Dakota was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

The contract calls for the construction of a l2-classroom elementary school building, a high school general shop building, and other related facilities, The construction, when completed, will replace the old frame structure now housing ,he elementary school, which is over-crowded and substandard, and will allow an increase of 30 pupils in the school enrollment.

The successful bidder was L. R. Foy Construction Co., Inc. of Hutchinson, Kansas. Four higher bids, ranging from $758,700 to $838,425, were received.