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Award of a $1,437,000 contract for the construction of school facilities at Toadlena, New Mexico, on the Navajo Indian Reservation was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

The new facilities to be constructed include two 192-pupi1 dormitories, a 360-pupi1 kitchen-dining room building, a 13-c1assroom school with a multipurpose from, a utility building, employees' quarters and a four-stall garage. The existing school will be remodeled, and the streets, walks and all utilities will be improved. These new facilities, when complete, will replace old, unsanitary, and unsound school facilities, and will permit an increase of 75 pupils in the school's enrollment.

The successful bidder was H. R. McBride Construction Company of Farmington, New Mexico. Twelve higher bids, ranging from $1,477,826.00 to $1,722,000.00 were received.