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Award of a $1,543,500 contract for the construction of school facilities that will provide for 150 additional students at Lukachukai, Arizona on the Navajo Indian Reservation was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

The contract calls for the construction of a 7-classroom addition to an existing school building, a l60-pupil dormitory, a 480-pupil kitchen and dining room, and employees' quarters and garage facilities. In addition to the building construction, a 75,000-gallon elevated water tank, a new sewage lagoon, curbs and gutters, street paving, walks and other site improvements are included in the contract.

The work, when complete, will serve 150 pupils in addition to the present enrollment of 297 pupils. It will also provide safe and sanitary school facilities for 60 children who are presently housed in old and obsolete buildings.

The successful bidder was Flaugh-Slavens Co., Box 700, Cortez, Colorado. Six higher bids, ranging from $1,566,710 to $1,667,441, were received.