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Award of a $5,855,200 contract for the construction of school facilities in Many Farms, Apache County, Arizona, on the Navajo Indian Reservation, was announced today by the :Department of the Interior. The facilities will serve to relieve the overcrowded conditions prevailing at Pinon and Low Mountain schools and will provide needed school accommodations for many Navajo children in the area who are not presently in school.

The new facilities to be constructed include a five-building academic complex comprising 34 classrooms, a multipurpose room, a 1,000-pupil instructional materials center, six l68-pupil dormitories, a 1,200-pupil kitchen dining hall, employees' quarters, garages, and a maintenance building. The project also provides for the paving of walks, streets, and drives, and complete utility systems.

The successful bidder was Bateson Cheves Construction Co., Mesa, Arizona. Three higher bids ranging from $6,070,593 to $6,233,000 were received.