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Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson announced today that two contracts totaling more than $6.2 million for the construction of roads serving members of the Navajo Indian Tribe were awarded July 22.

A contract with Nielsons, Inc., of Dolores, Colo., calls for the construction of 16.24 miles of hot bituminous concrete surfacing on a previously constructed roadbed between Rough Rock, Ariz., and the Arizona State Highway 63 at Many Farms, Ariz.

The Rough Rock Community has now only a dirt road connection with the highway.

The amount of this contract is $2,234,281. Five other bids running - as high as $2.83 million were received.

The other contract, with Owl Constructors of Compton, Calif., provides for open graded emulsified asphalt pavement and turf establishment on 22.36 miles of road from Pueblo Pintado to the McKinley-Sandoval County Line Highway in the State of New Mexico.

This project will complete work on Navajo Route N9 and will provide an all-weather highway from Interstate 40 at Thoreau to Cuba, New Mexico.

The amount of this contract is $4,020,127. The Bureau of Indian Affairs received three other bids ranging up to $4.83 million.