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Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay today announced the opening of *a* new national headquarters for the Buildings and Utilities Branch of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Albuquerque, N. Mex.

The new office, which will supervise all construction activities of the Bureau) **is** being staffed with construction personnel drawn from the Bureau's central office in Washington, D. C. and from area offices throughout the country. When fully staffed, it will consist of 37 technical and 15 clerical or administrative employees.

Plans for the establishment of the consolidated buildings and utilities office in Albuquerque were originally announced last February as part of the reorganization of the Indian Bureau.

The Branch will continue to be headed by Edward A. Poynton, who has been its Chief since 1936.