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Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay today announced the award of four contracts for the construction of school facilities on the Navajo Indian Reservation in Arizona and New Mexico. The total amount of the awards is $1,647,791.

This is the first step in the development of the Navajo Emergency Educational Program.

The awards are as follows:

Under base proposal No, 2 for the Pinon and Kaibito projects to L. C. Anderson, San Diego, Calif.	$421,000
Under base proposal No. 3 for Greasewood and Wide Ruins projects to Wilson and Hockinson, Albuquerque, N, Mex.	$271,678
Under base proposal No. 4 for Steam Boat and Nazlini Schools to Underwood and Testman, Albuquerque, N. Mex.	$327,356
Under base proposal No. 5 for construction of school facilities at Crystal, Standing Rock and Shiprock to George A. Rutherford, Inc., Albuquerque, N. Mex.	$627,757
Total	**$1,647,791**

A description of the projects follows:

Crystal, New Mexico, day school

Construction of two 64-pupil dormitories (one with dining and kitchen) two 2-bedroom and one 3-bedroom duplexes, one 2-car carport and one light plant and storage building, remodeling of existing school building and the installation of water and sewer, gas and ell and electrical distribution system.

Greasewood, Arizona, day school project
Construction of two 64-pupil dormitories (one with dining and kitchen) one 2-bedroom duplex, one 5-unit efficiency apartment, one root cellar, one light plant and storage building, and one 4-car garage, remodeling of the existing school building, and the installation of water and sewer, gas and oil, and electrical distributing system.

Kaibeto, Arizona, quarters and school remodeling
Construction or one 2-bedroom duplex, remodeling of the existing school building, and the extension of existing steam and hot water, sewer and water and gas and electrical distribution systems.

Nazlini, Arizona, quarters and school addition
Construction of one 2-bedroom duplex; addition or two classrooms to existing school buildings and the extension of existing services.

Pinon, Arizona, day school project

Construction of two 96 pupil dormitories, one 4-classroom school building, four 2-bedroom and one 3-bedroom duplexes, one light plant and storage building, one 6-car carport, one dining and kitchen building, remodeling of existing school buildings and the remodeling and addition to existing clinic and quarters buildings; installation of water, sewer and other services.

Shiprock, New Mexico, quarters project
Construction of eight 2-bedroom duplexes, and three 5-unit efficiency apartments, extension of $team, hot water, etc., services.

Steam Boat Canyon, Arizona, project, day school
Construction of two 64-pupil dormitories with playrooms, one dining and kitchen building, three 2-bedroom and one 3-bedroom duplexes, one light plant and storage building, one 2-bedroom house with carport, one 6-car carport, and one root cellar, remodeling of existing school building and two quonset buildings, installation of water and sewer, etc.

Wide Ruins, Arizona, quarters and school addition
Construction of one 2-bedroom duplex, addition of one classroom to existing school building and the installation or water, sewer and other services.

Standing Rock, New Mexico, day school
Construction of 64-pupil dormitory, installation of water, sewer and other facilities.

The Navajo emergency educational program is designed to provide facilities for a larger number of children, not now attending school.

By reprogramming funds appropriated to the Bureau for construction throughout the Service, the first step in the Navajo educational plan has been taken. It will expand facilities at the nine locations on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona and New Mexico as well as to provide trailer school facilities at about 36 small, isolated communities.

The facilities when completed will provide accommodations for about 2,150 additional children, who would otherwise be deprived of educational opportunities. Teachers and other educational personnel will also be housed in the facilities.

About 14,000 of the 28,000 children of school age on the Navajo are not now attending any school, While the construction projects awarded today will take care of 2,150 children, Secretary McKay said that 4,850 other Navajo children will be provided with school facilities in the trailer schools, public schools adjoining the reservation and in other Bureau schools off the reservation. This total of 7,000 children, he said, should be able to begin school next September.

The initial phase of the emergency program will entail the expenditure of $5,600,000 with other school facilities to be provided in the near future.

In addition to the four successful bidders today, 5 other contractors submitted bids for the projects.

They were:
Daum Donaldson Construction Co., Phoenix, Arizona
Lemke, Clough and King, Inc., Albuquerque, N. Mex.
Ashton Building Co., Tucson, Arizona

H. J. Whitted, Gallup, N. Mex.
M. M. Sundt, Tucson, Arizona