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As part of the Indian Bureau’s program to step up school enrollment on the Navajo Reservation of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah, 21 passenger buses are being purchased from the International Harvester Company, the Department of the Interior announced today.

International Harvester was the low bidder with a price of $83,644.66. The only other bidder, Chrysler Motors Corporation, submitted an offer of $92,883.10.

The buses will be used to transport children from their homes to day schools and trailer schools on the reservation.

The Bureau's special drive to make schooling more widely available to Navajo children started early in 1954 when the total enrollment of Navajo youngsters in schools of all types was approximately 14,000. By last June the total enrollment had been boosted to over 25,000.