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Award of a $230,677 construction contract for Indian school facilities at Round Rock, Ariz., was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

The contract was awarded to 'Wilson, Hockinson & Cantrall, Inc., of Albuquerque, N. Mex. Five other contractors from Colorado and New Mexico submitted higher bids, ranging from $238,990 to $294,000.

The Round Rock project is one of several which the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the Department of the Interior is undertaking under its long-range program of providing school facilities for all school-age Indian children.

Similar expansions of school plants are underway in other localities to provide facilities for out-of-school Indian children and to relieve severe overcrowding in existing Federal Indian schools. Under the Bureau's program enrollment of Navajo children has been increased from 14,106 in 1953 to 24,163 in 1956.

The Round Rock contract calls for the erection of a five classroom school building to accommodate about 150 students. Three duplex quarters buildings and other required facilities will also be constructed.