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Award of a $648,685.59 contract for construction of 24.0909 miles of road on the Hopi and Navajo Indian Reservations, Navajo County, Arizona, was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

The project is part of the Indian Bureau's long-range program to improve roads on the two reservations. This is the final section of the road from Keams Canyon to U. S. Highway 66, about six miles east of Holbrook, and makes an all-weather road over this route.

Wells Cargo, Inc., Las Vegas, Nevada, was the successful bidder. Fourteen other bids received ranged from $681,804 to a high of $870,464.

The principal items of work covered under the contract are approximately as follows: 428,776 cu. yds. unclassified excavation; 59,717 cu. yds. borrow excavation; 23,000 cu. yds. select borrow for topping; 38,000 cu. yds. special subbase; 2,035 tens liquid asphalt; 4,676 lin. ft. corrugated galvanized metal culvert; 266 lin. ft. corrugated metal pipe structural plate.