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Award of a $351,746 contract for construction of enlarged dormitory facilities to accommodate 58 additional Indian children at Huerfano, on the Navajo Indian Reservation, near Bloomfield, New Mexico, was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

The successful bidder is Anchor Construction Company, Roswell, New Mexico. Eight higher bids ranging from $356,590 to $473,400 were submitted by contractors from New Mexico and Illinois.

The contract calls for a dormitory building, a multipurpose building, two duplex apartments, a storage building, some alterations, and outside utilities.

Originally a day school, Huerfano is now operated by the Indian Bureau as a boarding facility for Navajo children enrolled in the public schools at Bloomfield. The new construction work will enlarge its capacity from 38 to 96 children.