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Award of a $163,641.18 contract to Roy Kindt of Winner, South Dakota, for 7.2 miles of grading, drainage and crushed gravel base construction on the road from Rosebud to U. S. Highway 18 on the Rosebud Indian Reservation, S. Dak., was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

Roy Kindt was the low bidder. Three other higher bids were received ranging from $172,744.84 to $175,142.18.

Asphalt paving is proposed next year to complete the improvement of this road and provide for all-weather travel to and from the community and Indian Agency located at Rosebud in Todd County, South Dakota.

The principle work under this contract is 258,000 cubic yards of excavation, 28,000 tons of crushed-gravel base, 3,000 linear feet of culvert pipe and 70,000 gallons of asphaltic material for bituminous treatment of base course.

The work is being undertaken as a part of the Indian Bureau's broad program of bringing reservation roads up to approved standards so that they can be transferred to county highway systems.