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Sanders Construction Company, Ltd, of Farmington, New Mexico, has been awarded a $51,513 contract for construction of additional dormitory facilities at Aztec, New Mexico, the Department of Interior announced today.

Two higher bids for the work, ranging from $52,647 to $57,389 were received by the Indian Bureau.

The contract calls for construction of a metal kitchen and dining hall building and extensions of two metal dormitory buildings.

Over 120 Navajo children enrolled in the public schools of Aztec are quartered in the dormitories which are operated by the Bureau as a part of its program aimed at making available educational opportunities for all Indian children. In keeping with the Bureau's policy of encouraging younger children to remain with their parents, only students above the fifth grade or age 12 are permitted to stay in the dormitories.