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Construction of two new school buildings at Bogue Chitto, Mississippi, to accommodate 86 additional Indian children in an area where about 170 of school age were not enrolled last year, will begin soon under a contract awarded by the Indian Bureau, the Department of 'the Interior announced today.

The contractor awarded the job is Central Construction Co., Inc. of Philadelphia, Mississippi on its low bid of $209,881. There were three higher bids ranging from $210,520 to $267,613.

The contract calls for a four-classroom building, a two-classroom building, a multipurpose building, two two-bedroom duplexes, and other minor work.

Bogue Chitto school, with an enrollment of 154 Choctaw pupils, in grades 1 through 6, is operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The new facilities will bring the capacity of the school up to 240 pupils and permit the addition of grades 7 and 8 to meet the needs in an area where facilities for education of Indian children beyond grade 6 have not previously been available.