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Award of a $393,000 contract for construction of a central heating plant at Haskell Institute located at Lawrence, Kansas, was announced by the Department Of Interior today.

C. L, Mahoney Co. of Kalamazoo, Michigan, was awarded the job on the basis of its low bid. Eight other bids, ranging from $407,390 to $450,000, were received by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The new plant is to replace present manually operated boiler equipment, some of which has been in service since 1921.

Haskell Institute is a vocational school whish provides regular high school work, special Navajo courses, and vocational training for post-high school students. Over 970 Indian students are enrolled.

Slated for construction is a new plant building of approximately 5,000 square feet in floor area, together with boilers, piping, equipment, tunnels, parking area, and access drives.