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Award of a $214,950 contract to Alder-Child Construction Company, Salt Lake City, Utah, for construction of dormitory facilities to house Indian children at Richfield, Utah, was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

Sixteen higher bids, ranging from $225,313 to $368,413, were submitted by contractors from Utah and New Mexico.

The project which is part of the Indian Bureau's program to provide broader educational opportunities for school-age Indian children, will accommodate 128 Navajo children so that they can attend the public schools at Richfield. In line with the Bureau’s policy of permitting younger children to remain at home with their families, only those who have passed beyond the fifth grade or reached the age of 12 will be included.

The contract calls for construction of one dormitory building and one duplex, comprising a total of approximately 17,000 square feet, with concrete masonry unit walls and wood frame roofs. It also includes commercial kitchen equipment, dining facilities, and minor outside utilities.