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Sproul Construction Company, Albuquerque, N. Mex., has been awarded a \$780,500 contract for a major expansion and renovation of the Indian Bureau's boarding school plant at Lukachukai, Ariz., on the Navajo Reservation, the Department of the Interior announced today.

Sproul's bid was the lowest of 11 received. The others ranged from \$810,188 to \$972,000.

The major purpose of the project is to expand the school, which now has about 160 Navajo children enrolled under overcrowded conditions, so that it will adequately accommodate 256 pupils ranging from 6 to 14. This will involve the construction of two dormitories, a four-classroom building, a kitchen and dining hall building, a plant and storage building and necessary staff quarters and utilities improvements.

The new structures will be of semi-fire-resistant masonry block construction and will replace two quonset hut dormitories which will be used for warehousing, the old dining and kitchen building, and temporary trailer quarters now being used by the staff.

The job, which is part of the Indian Bureau's broad program for expanding and improving school facilities to keep pace with the growing school-age Indian population, is expected to take about 15 or 16 months for completion.

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