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Award of a $43,000 bridge construction project on the Wind River Reservation, Fremont County, Wyoming, was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

The project, on the Fort Washakie-Arapahoe Road, involves the construction of a three-span steel H-beam bridge with concrete deck, making use of the existing abutments and piers, widening the roadway and increasing the loading design.

The road is a school bus route and services a large number of Indian families in an irrigated district and completes a through route between Fort Washakie and Riverton, Wyoming.

The construction work is a part of a Bureau of Indian Affairs program for the improvement of Indian roads to standards acceptable for incorporation into Fremont County highway system. Upon completion of construction of this bridge, the structure will become a Fremont County bridge. It will be constructed over the Little Wind River about It miles south and 14 miles east of the town site of Fort Washakie.

The successful bidder was Vern H. Miller of Lander, Wyoming. Eight other bids were received ranging from $48,250.70 to $69,834