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Award of two contracts in the amounts of $34,876 and $23,741.25 for water development at ten school locations on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona and New Mexico was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

Development work is needed at all of the locations to supplement present water supplies for the schools and other facilities, according to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. In each case, wells will be drilled to specified depths previously determined from geological surveys. These depths range from 250 feet to 2,300. The drilling will also indicate whether there is a sufficient water supply available to support additional schools or other facilities at these particular locations.

The $34,876.00 contract went to B &W Drilling Co., of Borger, Texas, for the following locations: Rough Rock, Pinon, and Red Rock, Arizona, and Mariano Lake, New Mexico. Three other bids were received ranging to a high of $43,200.

Morrison Brothers Drilling Co., of Las Cruces, New Mexico, was successful bidder for the $23,741.25 contract for the following locations; Nazlini, Fort Defiance, Pine Springs, Wide Ruins, Leupp and Steamboat, Arizona. Three higher bids ranging to $30,987.50 were received.