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Award of a $275,000 contract for the construction of school facilities at Jones Ranch, approximately 12 miles southwest of Gallup on the Navajo Indian Reservation in New Mexico, was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

The new construction will replace a one-classroom trailer school put into operation under the Navajo Emergency Education Program. Growing and stable pupil attendance created the need for a permanent school with larger capacity which will accommodate Navajo school children from grades 1 through 6. In addition to the three classroom school, storage and utilities sheds as well as minimum housing facilities for staff will be constructed on the site.

Lockwood and Katz of Santa Fe, New Mexico, was the successful low bidder for the project. Ten higher bids ranging from $280,623 to $332,340 were received.