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Award of a $624,782 road construction contract that will provide an all-weather bus route to enlarged school facilities at Kayenta, Arizona, on the Navajo Indian Reservation was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

The contract, which was awarded to Lyle Price of Flagstaff, covers construction and bituminous surfacing of a 19.2-mile section of road in northern Arizona between Kayenta and Utah State Highway 47 at the Utah Line.

Kayenta is an isolated trading center in the northern part of the Navajo Reservation where the present public school facility is being expanded to accommodate about 400 Navajo children in grades one through eight.

The new road is being constructed as part of the Indian Bureau's program to provide broader education opportunities for school age Indian children.

Ten other bids were received ranging in price from $655,696.75 to $975,892.93.