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The award of a $378,590.14 road construction contract for 16.8 miles of road on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, Gila and Navajo Counties, Arizona, was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

The Krumtum-Dewar Construction Company, Ltd., of Phoenix, Ariz., was the successful bidder, with the lowest of fifteen bids received. The others ranged from $409,939.50 to $518,262.68.

This is the last section of the road from Fort Apache to U. S. Highway 60 which leads to Globe and Phoenix and completes a blacktop road from those vicinities to the summer resort areas on the reservation at Whiteriver and thereabouts for recreational and commercial trade, as well as an all-weather road out for the people on the reservation.

The State of Arizona will assume responsibility for future maintenance when the Bureau of Indian Affairs contract is completed.