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Award of a $414,700-contract for construction of a new school building at Fort Totten, near Devils Lake, North Dakota, was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

Roel Construction Company, Inc., of Fargo, North Dakota was awarded the job on the basis of its low bid. Ten higher bids were received by the Bureau of Indian Affairs ranging from $415,000 to $488,000.

Fort Totten School, operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, has a present enrollment of 116 boarding and 174 day pupils. The new structure will replace the old Army Post buildings, which have become obsolete.

Slated for construction are an 8-classroom school building, including a general shop room, a home economics room, a kitchen-dining multipurpose room, and an administration unit.