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Award of an $112,758 contract for grading, draining, and crushed gravel surfacing of 12.983 miles of road on the Cheyenne River Reservation in South Dakota, from U. S. Highway 212 north to the Thunder Butte Indian settlement along the Moreau River, was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

The successful bid, by E. Stoltenberg &Son of Naper, Nebraska, was the lowest of' 19 received. Higher bids ranged from $119,065.71 to $162,760.61.

When completed the road will provide an all-weather route from Thunder Butte to Dupree, Faith, Eagle Butte and other communities on and adjacent to the Cheyenne River Reservation. The construction is being undertaken as a part of the Indian Bureauâ□□s broad program of bringing reservation roads up to standard so that they can be transferred to the county highway systems.

The work under this contract includes 304,842 cubic yards of unclassified excavation, 25,296 cubic yards of crushed gravel surface course, 3,696 linear feet of culvert pipe, and 94,942 feet of right-of-way fencing.