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Award of a $243,427.06 contract for grading, drainage, and crushed gravel surfacing of 15.4 miles of roads on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation in Dewey County, South Dakota, was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

The contract involves construction of 12.7 miles of road south from U.S. Highway 212. This will be the first section in a project covering approximately 50 miles of all-weather road proposed for construction to serve 40 Indian families who have resettled and are established in stock-raising enterprises in the southeastern section of the Cheyenne River Reservation. Travel in the area is possible at present only during dry weather over unimproved trails.

The contract also includes construction of 2.7 miles of access road to serve 12 Indian families who have relocated from the Oahe Reservoir taking area and are residing in the northeastern section of the Cheyenne River Reservation near the present site of the Moreau Indian Day School.

The successful bidder was Roy Kindt Construction of Winner, South Dakota. Eight other bids were received ranging from $247,874.63 to $311,438.93.