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Award of a $181,400 contract for construction of a new 80-pupil dormitory and additional dining facilities to provide for Indian school children at Ramah, New Mexico, was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

Completion of the work will make it possible for the Bureau of Indian Affairs to accommodate additional children at the existing Ramah facility while they attend the local public schools under arrangements worked out with the school district. This will also relieve the present overcrowding.

In addition to the new dormitory and the enlargement of the dining and kitchen facilities, the contract also provides for utilities, employees' quarters and work on the grounds.

The successful bidder was Oehring Construction Co. of Farmington, New Mexico, Four higher bids were received ranging from $188,338 to $240,000.