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Award of three contracts totaling $171,820.40 for road construction work in Indian areas of Oklahoma was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

All three projects involve a stabilized asphalt base and single bituminous surfacing on grade and drainage completed sometime ago. All of the roads run through heavily populated Indian areas and are school-bus and mail-service routes.

A contract of $87,255.80 for 9.363 miles on Ponca-Otoe Line in Noble County and a $41,504.60 contract for 4.456 miles on Spring Creek Road in Caddo County were awarded to W. E. Steelman of Oklahoma City.

The third contract, covering 4.95 miles on Seiling-Canton Road in Blaine County, was awarded to Elliott Brothers, Inc., Oklahoma City, on a bid of $43,060.

Nine higher bids were received on the Ponca-Otoe and Sailing-Canton contracts and ten higher on the Spring Creek project.