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Award of a $770,300 contract for the construction of a new elementary school for Indian students at Cherokee, North Carolina, was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

The contract calls for the construction of a 24-classroom building with a multipurpose room, office, kitchen and library. It will have a total floor area of approximately 65,000 square feet.

The contract also includes grading and utility connections.

When complete, the building will replace the present dilapidated school and allow the consolidation of a number of outlying Indian schools at the one location. The successful bidder was Boyd and Goforth, Inc., of Charlotte, North Carolina. Eight higher bids were received, ranging from $779,200 to $941,900.