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Award of four contracts totaling $269,949.50 for surfacing work on the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Indian Reservation roads in South Dakota was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

Three of the contracts are for construction of crushed-gravel base course with bituminous surface treatment on Pine Ridge Reservation arterial roads extending from Sharps easterly 15.4 miles to Kyle, from Kyle northeasterly 18.4 miles via Potato Creek to the Interior-Allen Road, and 9.5 miles of road from Wanblee easterly to State Highway 73. The fourth contract is for construction of a· bituminous seal coat on 7.2 miles of paved road running northeasterly from Rosebud to U. S. Highway 18 on the Rosebud Reservation. The contracts provide for improvement of reservation roads which serve for inter-community travel, school bus and mail routes, and as farm-to-market outlet roads.

Summit Construction Company of Rapid City, South Dakota was the successful bidder on the Sharps-Kyle and Wanblee East road projects with bids in the amounts of $93,835 and $68,190 respectively. Six bids were received on each of these projects ranging to a high of $130,372.50 on the Sharps-Kyle Road and $87,275 on the Wanblee East Road.

J. H. Beckman Construction Company of Sioux Falls, South Dakota submitted the low bid on the Kyle-Potato Creek project in the amount of $100,158.50. Six bids ranging to $133,252 were received on this project. J. H. Beckman Construction Company was also the low bidder on the Rosebud to U. S. Highway 18 project on which four bids were received ranging from $7,766 to $16,299.70.