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Award of a $139,235 contract for the improvement of utility systems at Haskell Indian Institute, Lawrence, Kansas, was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

The contract provides for the replacement, enlargement and extension of the water, sewer and steam distribution systems. These improvements are necessary not only for adequate service to existing buildings but to provide service to the new school building and two new dormitories being constructed under another contract.

Haskell Institute is a vocational training school for approximately 1,000 Indian students in grades 9 through two years of post high school work.

The successful bidder was Kansas Construction Co. of Lawrence, Kansas. Five higher bids were received ranging from $145,000 to $192,689.