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Award of a $288,588 contract for enlargement and improvement of Federal Indian school facilities at Tuba City, Arizona, on the Navajo Reservation was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

The contract provides for construction of a new six-classroom building and 10 two-bedroom houses as well 8S for rehabilitation of an existing dining room kitchen structure.

When complete, the new classroom structure will relieve overcrowding in present classrooms and accommodate Navajo children now being taught in make-shift classrooms in several buildings on the boarding school campus.

The new houses are needed as living quarters for Indian Bureau employees serving at the isolated locality.

The kitchen-dining room remodeling will include new built-in equipment such as sinks, mixers, counters and trayports. Also included in the contract will be some outside utilities and site improvement.

The successful bidder was M. S. Dunlap, General Contractor, Inc. of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Eight higher bids, ranging from $295,607 to $399,832, were received.