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### \$2.3 MILLION CONTRACT AWARDED FOR SECOND PHASE OF \$5.2 MILLION RENOVATION OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA INDIAN SCHOOL

Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs Marvin L. Franklin today announced the award of a \$2.3 million contract to expand the facilities of Sherman Indian School, Riverside, California. This is the second phase of a \$5.2 million effort to modernize the school

The contract was awarded to Buster and Schuler Construction, Inc Redland, California.

A construction program for the 72-year-old school began last year. At that time, a contract to build administrative and academic facilities was let for \$2.9 million. When construction is completed, the school will be able to accommodate 1,000 instead of the 800 it has served

"Education of Indian people is a critical need," Franklin said. "We cannot expect Indian young people to progress beyond their parents in yesterday's school plant."

The present contract -- for the second phase of construction -- is for the building of a physical education center, a physical education laboratory, a fine arts center, and to remodel the existing buildings that make up the student center and warehouses

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