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CONTRACT AWARDED FOR DORMITORIES AT FLAGSTAFF

Award of a contract for construction of dormitory and dining facilities to accommodate Navajo Indian children attending public school at Flagstaff, Arizona, was announced today by the Department of Interior.

The successful bidder is Wilson Hockinson & Cantrall, Inc., of Albuquerque with a bid of \$801,723. Six higher bids, ranging from \$804,880 to \$899,500, were submitted by contractors from Arizona, New Mexico and Missouri.

The facilities will provide quarters for 304 Indian children above the fifth grade or age 12 and older. Dormitories have been constructed at a number of towns adjacent to the Navajo Reservation in Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah, as a part of the Indian Bureau's policy to make available to Indian children the same opportunities for public education as are provided for other citizens.

The contract calls for construction of two two-story dormitories and a multipurpose building, including utilities, walks, roads, incinerator, fencing, and certain other related items.

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