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ROUGH ROCK SCHOOL CONTRACT AWARDED

Award of a $2,129,250 contract for the construction of elementary school facilities at Rough Rock, Arizona, on the Navajo Indian Reservation, was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

The scheduled construction, which will replace the obsolete existing temporary sheet metal building serving some 60 children, will provide an additional 260 Navajo children with needed school accommodations.

The proposed construction reflects the efforts of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to provide all Indian children with opportunities for schooling when public schools are inaccessible to them, or are unequipped to provide the special language instruction that permits Indians to keep pace with English-speaking schoolmates.

The contract calls for the construction of an 11-classroom school with a multipurpose room, instructional materials center and library; two 168-pupil dormitories, a 360-pupil kitchen-dining building; and living accommodations for staff.

In addition to the building construction, a 100,000 gallon elevated tank and water supply system, sewage system and lagoons, drives, walks and other site improvements are included in the contract.

The successful bidder was Northeast Construction Company of West Virginia, headquartered in Tiffin, Ohio. Six higher bids were received, ranging from $2,280,122 to $2,634,600.

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