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WATER SUPPLY IMPROVED FOR STANDING ROCK INDIANS

A $378,000 contract award, announced today by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the Department of the Interior, will provide a permanent supply of drinking water from the Oahe Reservoir for a BIA school at Fort Yates, North Dakota, which serves 465 Sioux Indian children in grades 1 through 12.

Fort Yates is a community on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation, an area of more than 865,000 acres that sits astride the State line between North and South Dakota. The new water system will also serve the Standing Rock Indian Agency and the Public Health Service Hospital at Fort Yates. The Oahe Reservoir, source of the water supply, was created by construction of Oahe Dam by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The contract, calling for construction of a water treatment plant and intake structure, was awarded to the Brezina Construction Company of Rapid City, South Dakota. Bids received ranged to a high of $458,700.

The work includes earthfill and riprap protection for the intake structure, site work, grading, concrete walks, a gravel ramp, a 750-gallon septic tank and tile field, and approximately 300 lineal feet of 8-inch and 600 lineal feet of 6-inch water pipe. A clarifier tank, recarbonator, chemical feeders, filters and pumps will be installed.

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