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## **Cherokee CRC awarded \$25.1 million contract to build dorms at Riverside Indian School**

CATOOSA, Okla.—Cherokee CRC LLC has been awarded a contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the construction of two dormitories at Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, Okla. The BIA contract is for \$25,169,063.09 over a 20-month performance period. Cherokee CRC will provide construction management and oversight, quality control, safety and project management.

“We’re proud to play a part in providing our Native American youth with a quality education,” said Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Bill John Baker. “Riverside has a rich history of working to prepare our young people for higher education and joining the workforce in many capacities.”

The Riverside campus covers more than 135 acres in the Anadarko Basin of southwestern Oklahoma. Riverside Indian School is a boarding school for Native American students. Riverside Indian School is the largest and oldest off-reservation BIA boarding school in the United States. Students attend Riverside from all across the United States and come from more than 100 different tribes. This project will increase Riverside’s ability to serve more students.

“This project is especially important to us because it provides housing for Native American youth working towards their education,” said Cheryl Cohenour, president of Cherokee CRC. “Cherokee CRC has established partnerships with many other government agencies, but working with the BIA to build these dorms at Riverside is a great opportunity to do something for our Native people.”

Riverside provides education services for students in grades 4 through 12. Nearly 800 students are enrolled in Riverside, and the school continues to grow. The school also provides Accelerated Curriculum Education, a self-paced, accelerated program designed to meet the needs of students 18 or older who are working to complete graduation requirements. Career training is also provided by the Caddo-Kiowa Technical Center in close cooperation with Riverside.

Cherokee CRC LLC is a subsidiary of Cherokee Nation Businesses, the economic engine of the Cherokee Nation. The company is certified by the Small Business Administration as a tribal 8(a), small disadvantaged and HUBZone business. It is a diversified small business, offering services in consulting and engineering, predominately in the areas of aerospace, construction, environmental and professional services.

To learn more about Cherokee CRC, please visit [www.Cherokee-CRC.com](http://www.Cherokee-CRC.com).

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