Reclamation Contracts for Aggregate Production, Dolores Project

A $2 million contract for purchase of aggregate, a gravel and crushed rock compound used with cement to produce concrete, was awarded by the Bureau of Reclamation for construction of the Dolores Project in Colorado, Acting Commissioner Robert A. Olsen announced today.

Southway Construction Company, Inc., of Alamosa, Colo., one of four bidders, submitted the low bid of $2,752,500. The Government estimate had been $2,169,900.

The work site is located approximately 6 miles west of Dolores in southwest Colorado. The contract calls for excavating, processing, hauling, and stockpiling 372,000 cubic yards of aggregate which will be used in constructing remaining features of the Dolores Project. When completed, the Dolores Project will supply irrigation, municipal, and industrial water to the Dove Creek area, the central Montezuma Valley, and the Towaoc area of the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Reservation. Other benefits include recreation, fish and wildlife habitat enhancement, and flood control.

The contract work for aggregate production is expected to take 7 months to complete and will provide about 18 jobs at a total salary of approximately $355,000.

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