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RECLAMATION CONTRACT AWARDED FOR COLLBRAN PROJECT PIPELINE, COLORADO

A $1,669,359 Bureau of Reclamation contract for construction of a concrete pipeline system for the Collbran Project in west-central Colorado has been authorized for award, the Department of the Interior announced today.

The contract goes to the Davis and Butler Construction Company, Salt Lake City, Utah, on that firm's low bid. Nine bids were received offering to construct a concrete pipeline and two others were received for a steel pipeline.

Commissioner of Reclamation Floyd E. Dominy said that the job calls for construction of over 5½ miles of prestressed concrete pipeline, varying in size from 21 to 33 inches in diameter, to the future Bonham Reservoir and 5½ miles of similar pipeline, ranging in size from 18 to 36 inches, to the existing Cottonwood Reservoir and several smaller reservoirs.

The project will supply irrigation water to 2,310 acres to be irrigated and supplemental water to 18,340 acres now irrigated. In addition, two powerplants are being constructed with a capacity of 13,000 kilowatts.

Second low bidder, for a concrete pipeline, was the $1,734,789 offer of the Refinery Engineering Company, a division of Vitro Corporation of America, Farmington, New Mexico. This firm recently was awarded a contract for construction of two concrete powerhouse structures, seven miles of steel penstocks, and installation of equipment in the Collbran Upper and Lower Molina powerplants.

Third low was the $1,836,312 bid of the Thayn Construction Company, Salt Lake City, Utah, for a steel pipeline system. The same firm bid $1,844,697 for a concrete pipeline, which was the fourth low bid received for the work.

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