BID INVITATIONS ISSUED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FLAMING GORGE DAM IN UTAH

Invitations to bid on the prime contract for construction of Flaming Gorge Dam on the Green River in northern Utah have been issued by the Bureau of Reclamation, and bids will be opened on June 10, Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton announced today.

The bid invitations and specifications were issued from the office of the Assistant Commissioner and Chief Engineer of the Bureau of Reclamation in Denver. It is anticipated that the contract will be awarded before the end of the fiscal year.

Flaming Gorge Dam will be the second major structure of the Colorado River Storage Project to be placed under contract. Contract for construction of Glen Canyon Dam in northern Arizona was awarded a year ago. Bid invitations for construction of a third major storage structure—Navajo Dam in New Mexico—also will be issued shortly with an award of contract anticipated before the end of the fiscal year, June 30, according to Commissioner of Reclamation W. A. Dexheimer.

Flaming Gorge Dam will be an arch-type concrete dam approximately 490 feet high from foundation and 1,180 feet long at the crest. Included in the contract will be a 23-foot diameter concrete-lined diversion tunnel approximately 1,100 feet long and spillway, outlet gate, and powerplant structures.

Also to be included in the contract will be the construction roads, service roads and facilities for the safety and protection of the public, a water supply line and powerplant outfall sewer, and a control-cable tunnel connecting the powerplant with the switchyard.

The powerplant will be constructed to accommodate three generating units, each having a capacity of 36,000 kilowatts and driven by a 50,000-horsepower turbine. The turbines and generators will be ordered under separate contracts.
Construction of a camp for Government employees at the damsite and an access road from Linwood, Utah, to the damsite was initiated last fall. The access road crosses an area which will be inundated by Flaming Gorge Reservoir.

The Flaming Gorge damsite is in an isolated area near the eastern end of the Uintah mountain range, about six miles south and 20 miles west of the geographic corner common to the boundaries of Utah, Wyoming, and Colorado. It is approximately 45 miles north of Vernal, Utah, and 59 miles south of Green River, Wyoming. Flaming Gorge Reservoir, when full, will extend up the Green River nearly to the town of Green River. The reservoir will have about 4,400,000 acre-feet capacity and will have about 44,000 acres of surface area.

Total overall estimated cost of the Flaming Gorge Dam and reservoir storage unit is $66,447,000. This includes not only work to be accomplished in the prime contract but also work undertaken in other contracts already awarded and others yet to be made.

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