



Work involved in the present contract includes excavation of about 375,000 cubic yards of earth and rock in constructing the headwork and the 10,040-foot tunnel, concrete lining of the tunnel, and furnishing and installing gates in the headworks, and associated structure. The contractor will have 875 calendar days to complete the job.

Tunnel construction is expected to provide about 340 man-years' work at the site, and to generate an equivalent of more than 550 man-years' work elsewhere in the country in production of materials and equipment and providing associated services.

The 18-foot-diameter tunnel will be capable of transporting about 508,000 acre-feet (165 billion gallons) of water annually from Navajo Reservoir 150 miles into Navajo Reservation lands to irrigate approximately 110,000 acres of Indian lands in San Juan County, south of the San Juan River. First water delivery is scheduled in five years, but about 14 years will be required to complete the project under authorizing legislation. The main canal may also convey water for municipal and industrial use.

Second low bidder for the first tunnel section, under Bureau of Reclamation Specification DC-6077, was Saliba-Kringlen Corp., and Civil Constructors, Inc., and N. M. Saliba and O. K. Kringles, a joint venture of Gardena, Calif., with a bid of \$5,827,532. Third low was the \$6,555,554 offer of Puget Sound Bridge and Dry Dock Company, Seattle, Wash.

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