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INTERIOR INVITING BIDS FOR JOB CORPS CAMP FACILITIES

Bids are due to be opened January 7, 1965, on camp facilities required for accommodation of Job Corps enrollees at centers to be operated by the Department of the Interior in California, Colorado, Illinois, and New Mexico.

Invitations to bid were issued by Interior's Bureau of Reclamation on December 18 for the four projects, comprising the first group among 44 rural centers to be set up for Job Corps camps operated by Interior. The Department is carrying out this work under authority delegated by the Office of Economic Opportunity, which has overall charge of the Administration's war on poverty.

The buildings now up for bid will help accommodate 500 Job Corps enrollees working on improvement of lands managed by the Interior Department and its bureaus. Facilities will be erected at:

--Mexican Springs, New Mexico, 35 miles north of Gallup, a 200-man camp under supervision of the Bureau of Indian Affairs;

--Crab Orchard, Illinois, near Carterville, a 100-man camp operated by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife;

--Toyon Rural Conservation Center, California, about six miles north of Redding, a 100-man camp under direction of the Bureau of Reclamation;

--Collbran Project Camp, Colorado, east of Grand Junction, managed by the Bureau of Reclamation. The bids cover only the education and recreation complexes for this 100-man camp; existing facilities will be used for housing there.

The invitations call for units to be erected which can be transported over highways and readily assembled into groups of units to constitute housing, educational, recreational and other related facilities.

Specifications have been drawn so that the home manufacturing industry--as well as the trailer manufacturing industry--can bid, Departmental officials said. In all, the Department expects it will need a great quantity of such housing and facilities fabricated and erected by mid-1966, averaging 25,000 square feet per 100-man camp.

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