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The Bureau of Indian Affairs a Department of the Interior today announced the renewal of three large training contracts providing employment opportunities for Indians. Value of the three contract is estimated nearly $5 million.

The contracts provide for the continued operation of the BIA Roswell Employment Training Center, Roswell, N.M., the Madera Employment Training Center, Madera, Calif,. and a pilot project in San Diego which provides residential training for "solo" parents.

The pilot program for the San Diego Center contract went to Industrial Training Systems, Maple Glen Professional Center, for designing, establishing and managing a residential training center for solo parents. The center will serve an initial group of 77 unwed mothers, widows and divorcee and approximately 115 children. IT helps provide the job skills necessary for the women to support themselves and their children. Value of this contract is $501,875.

The largest dollar contract for fiscal 1971 renewals went to the Thiokol Chemical Corporation's Economic Development Operations for its Roswell, N.M., Employment Training Center. The center helps entire families to receive needed training and to adjust to urban living patterns. The contract is for $2,350,000.

The third contract went to Philco-Ford Corporation's Educational and Technical Services Division for their Madera, Calif., employment training center, another family employment training center. This contract is for $1,900,000.