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The Bureau of Reclamation has awarded a $6.6 million contract for relocating and lining 61/2 miles of main canal on the Colorado River Indian Reservation surrounding the town of Parker, Ariz., Secretary of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus announced today.

The contract goes to McCutcheon-Peterson, Arcadia, Calif., on the lowest of six bids opened June 5 in Phoenix, Ariz. Ball, Ball and Brosamer, Inc., Danville, Calif., ,vas second low bidder with an offer of $6.9 million while Collavino Brothers, Jackson, Mich., was third with a bid of $7.6 million. The Engineer's Estimate was $5.4 million. The contractor must complete the work in 600 days.

The new concrete-lined canal, 24 feet wide at the bottom and 13 feet deep, is part of the main canal which serves about 60,000 acres of irrigated land on the Colorado River Indian Reservation. Water for the reservation is diverted at Headgate Rock Dam, on the Colorado River 12 miles downstream of Parker Dam. The dam was completed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1942.

The Bureau of Reclamation prepared the designs and specifications and will supervise construction of the new canal section as delegated by the Colorado River Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Established in 1865, the Colorado River Indian Reservation is the oldest irrigation development on the Lower Colorado River.