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Award of a $51,000 contract for water catchment-storage units on the Hualapai Indian Reservation in northern Arizona was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

The contract covers construction of six steel stock water tanks with a capacity of 50,000 gallons each, and six catchment areas lined with asphalt mats.

The storage units will make it possible for the Hualapai tribal members to use their range resources more effectively through better distribution of livestock and will also permit an increase in the number of cattle. The project is part of a long-term range water development program for the Hualapai Reservation.

M. J. B. Construction Company of Yuma, Arizona, was awarded the contract. Six higher bids ranging from $53,580 to $72,756 were received