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The Bureau of Indian Affairs of the Department of the Interior announced today renewal of a number of contracts for job-training for Indians. Contract value totals nearly $3 million.

Affected are contracts for the year beginning July 1 for programs in California, Arizona, New Mexico, Mississippi and New York. Only programs, funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs are involved.

These programs include training for whole families, on-the-job work in electronics, garment and textile industries, and a nationwide program of adoptive placement for Indian children.

The largest dollar contract for fiscal 1968 renewals went to the Philco-Ford Corporation's Education and Technical Services Division for their Madera, Calif., Employment Training Center. A new concept in Indian training, the Center prepares entire families for assimilation into the economic, social and political life of America by way of job-training, formal education and instruction in home economics. The contract is for $1,728,600.

Other contract renewals: RCA Service Co. for a community-wide training program for Choctaw Indians at Philadelphia, Miss., $722,131; General Dynamics at Ft. Defiance, Ariz., for on-the-job electronics training being given 223 Indians, $204,044; Burnell and Co., electronics training for 138 Indian trainees at Laguna Pueblo, N. M., $157,088; First Seneca Corp., on-the-job training in textile mill products on the Cattaraugus Reservation near Irving, N. Y., $78,002; a nationwide adoptive placement service by New York's Child Welfare League of America, Inc., $30,800, and on-the-job training in the garment industry, the BVD Co. at Winslow, Ariz., $16,108.