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Elsie A. Begaii, a Bureau of Indian Affairs' employee at Window Rock, Arizona, has been chosen to receive the Department of Interior's "Woman of the Month" award. Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs Harley Frankel will present Mrs. Begaii with a commemorative plaque and certificate on March 21 in Washington, DC.

Mrs. Begaii, a member of the Navajo Tribe, has worked 27 years with the Bureau. She is the Assistant Employment Assistance Officer for the Navajo Area Office.

Mrs. Begaii has been very successful in working with State and Federal agencies to assist Navajo Indians to receive vocational training and to get jobs. Her ability to speak the Navajo language and her knowledge of the culture and customs of the tribe have been valuable assets in her relationships with the Navajo people and the tribal council.

Mrs. Begaii was chosen for this honor by the Department's International Woman's Year Committee.