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Award of a $404,743.80 contract for construction of 15,930 miles of access road into the Navajo Reservation, McKinley County, New Mexico, to the W. A. Hamilton, Jr. Construction Company of Gallup, New Mexico, was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

The Hamilton bid was the lowest of eight received with the other bids ranging from $443,688.44 to $524,951,04.

When completed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and surfaced by the State of New Mexico, Navajo Route 3, running between U. S. 666 north of Gallup and U. S. 89 north of Flagstaff, will be an improved bituminous road. A short section of the road will be improved gravel surface and will be black topped at a later date.

The State of New Mexico will assume responsibility for future construction and maintenance when the Bureau of Indian Affairs contract is completed