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Acting Secretary of the Interior Hatfield Chilson today announced awarding of two contracts totaling $276,803 for road and bridge construction on the Yakima Indian reservation in the State of Washington.

The contracts are as follows:

C &E Construction Company of Yakima, Wash., a contract for $226,995.63 for the construction of a total of 11.059 miles of road; engineer's estimate $242,969.90.

Hans Skov Construction Company of Yakima, $47,807.80 for the construction of four timber pile concrete deck bridges totaling 242 linear feet; engineer's estimate $57,400.80.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs Glenn L. Emmons said the construction work is being done to improve existing roads and add new roads used by the Yakima Indians for farm-to-market access, and mail and school bus routes. The roads, when completed, will be turned over to Yakima County for maintenance under an agreement with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Commissioner Emmons said that on the road construction work the Bureau examined eight bids ranging to a high of $294,138.92 and on the bridge construction work the Bureau examined nine bids ranging to a high of $64,044.