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Award of a contract for construction of a pumping station and rehabilitation of irrigation works on the Modoc Point Project of the Klamath Indian Reservation in Oregon to C. H. Strong Engineering and Construction, Eugene, Oregon, was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

Mr. Strong's bid of $129,297.50 was the lower of two received. The other bid was for $154,828.45.

This construction will provide an adequate water supply for approximately 5,500 acres of irrigable land within the Klamath Indian Reservation and will put the project in first-class condition to be turned over to the water users when Federal supervision over these facilities is withdrawn in August 1958 under the Klamath Termination Act. An irrigation district will be formed under State laws to operate and maintain the project after that time.

The construction work covered by this contract includes the construction of a pumping station on the Williamson River to house two vertical shaft pumping units, rehabilitation of existing irrigation works and extension of canals and laterals. The work will require approximately one year to complete.