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Award of two contracts for construction of 77 flood control structures in the Schuk Toak, Gu Achi and Sif Oidak Districts of the Papago Indian Reservation in southern Arizona was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

One contract, covering 47 structures, goes to Clyde Jones and Sons, Indio, Calif., who bid $64,705. The other ten bids on this job ranged from $65,625 to $142,000.

The second contract, for 30 structures, was awarded to Don L. Riggs of Phoenix, Ariz., with a bid of $27,550. The other 14 bids ranged from $32,025 to $77,000.

The primary purpose of the proposed structure is to slow down the damaging flood waters as they run off the hills in the western portion of the Santa Rosa drainage. Many of the structures will serve as semi-permanent stock water reservoirs in areas where there is no possibility for other types of development. In addition to the benefits on the Papago Reservation, the farm lands below will be further protected from flood damage.

The work to be done under these contracts is a portion of the Santa Rosa Drainage Flood Control Project and involves the movement of 700,000 cubic yards of earth fill and the placement of outlet structures of corrugated metal pipe in the completion of a series of flood control structures. The project is a part of the Indian Bureau's long-range development program on the Papago Reservation.