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Award of a $76,714 contract for the construction of approximately 36 earth filled detention dams on the Papago Indian Reservation in southern Arizona was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

The project is part of the over-all Papago Development Program for the social and economic development of the Papago people.

When completed, the structures will minimize flood damage to Indian farms and rangelands on the reservation, and the flood waters thus contained will be used by livestock and wildlife. In the past heavy precipitation above the area has resulted in uncontrolled runoff with ensuing excessive erosion to farms and rangelands.

Successful and low bidder on the conservation project was James G. Trout, Tolleson, Arizona. Four higher bids ranging from $90,029 to $138,490 were also received.