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Award of a $53,046.69 contract for irrigation work on the Western Shoshone Indian Reservation in Nevada to L. C. Cheney, Weiser, Idaho, was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

The contract covers construction of approximately three miles of laterals and 13 miles of farm ditches, construction or installation of 66 water control structures, leveling 211 acres to a predetermined grade, and plowing and land planning of 507 acres.

When completed, the project will be the first in a series which will eventually cover approximately 12,000 acres on the reservation with the same general type of work. These lands are used to produce forage to feed the livestock while they are off the range and will be put back into production by planting the type of hay crop best adapted to the land and the farm plan.

Ten other higher bids were also received ranging from $53,442.85 to $101,192.92.