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A \$374,915.15 contract for construction of approximately 10 miles of highway on the Navajo Indian Reservation in Arizona has been awarded to Richey Construction Company of St. Johns, Arizona, the Department of the Interior announced today.

The contract involves 1.593 miles from Chinle Junction to Chinle with a 291-foot, 9-span bridge across Nazlini Wash and 8.384 miles from Chinle Junction south toward Ganado with a 33-foot precast concrete beam bridge.

This section of road is a part of Navajo Route 8, which leads into a vast central portion of the Navajo Reservation in Arizona, an area of more than 2,500 square miles with no improved roads. The road is to be constructed with a bituminous stabilized base and bituminous seal and wearing surface. Work on the highway is scheduled to start May 1 and to be completed by December 1.

Thirteen other bids were received ranging from \$393,666.43 to \$596,997.60.
