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Award of a $176,168 contract to rehabilitate approximately 1,200 acres of land on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation in northern Nevada, was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

The contract calls for re-leveling of the land and the construction of canals, laterals and water control structures. The work to be done is part of an over-all program to develop available resources on the Duck Valley Reservation for use by Indian families.

The improvements will stabilize the livestock program in this isolated community, where it is necessary to feed the cattle hay approximately five months of the year because of the extreme winters. Heretofore the land has been under uncontrolled irrigation without a control system of canals.

The successful bidder was Milco Construction Company of Delta, Utah. Thirteen higher bids ranging from $188,980.66 to $229,051.95 were received.