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Award of a $53,878 contract for flood control work on the Papago Indian Reservation in southern Arizona was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

The contract covers construction of 32 earth-filled flood control structures and the placement of about 3,000 linear feet of metallic pipe of varying diameters.

The structures, when completed, will prevent and minimize flood damage to Indian homes, roads, farms and rangelands on the Papago Reservation. In addition, the flood waters thus contained will be provided for beneficial consumption by livestock and wildlife.

Don Hastings of Albuquerque, New Mexico, was awarded the contract. Nine higher bids, ranging from $58,800 to $319,690, were received.