

Coast Companies Bid Low on Hoover Dam Construction

DENVER, March 4.—(UP)—The Six Companies Incorporated of San Francisco, a combination of six of the west's leading building firms, bid low today on the main contract for the construction of the Hoover Dam, colossal hydroelectric and flood control project, to be built on the Colorado River in Boulder canyon.

The corporation's bid, lowest of five submitted, was \$48,890,995.50.

Six Companies is led by W. H. Watis, president and is composed of the Utah Construction Company of San Francisco and Ogden, Utah; Henry J. Kaiser and W. A. Bechtel Company of San Francisco; MacDonald and Kahn Company Ltd., of San Francisco; Morrison-Knudson Company of Boise, Idaho; J. F. Shea of Portland, Oregon; and the Pacific Bridge Company of Portland, Oregon.

The bid of Six Companies was more than five million dollars less than the next high bid and more than a million dollars less than government engineers had estimated the cost.

The second lowest in the bidding was the Arundel Corporation of Baltimore Maryland, which bid \$53,893,878.70.

The Woods Brothers Corporation of Lincoln Nebraska, bid \$58,653,107.50.

The bids embraced 119 items of the dam's construction. They will be checked here and certified to the secretary of the Interior at Washington, who will make the award of contract or reject all. The Interior Department reserves the right to reject all bids and build the dam itself if for any reason they regard the bids unsatisfactory.