

HOOVER DAM

CONTRACT LET

Six Companies, Inc., Get
Big Project Today;
Cost \$109,000,000

Washington, March 11. (AP)—Secretary Wilbur today accepted the \$48,890,995 bid of Six Companies, incorporated, of San Francisco for building the Hoover dam, power house and appurtenant works at the Boulder Canyon contract.

Recognition of the company's offer as the low bid was tantamount to awarding the contract.

Estimated cost of the dam and appurtenances totals \$109,000,000 but approximately half of this will be supplied by the government in materials. A model city to house 3,000 workers and their families will be built.

Specifications require that work be started within 30 days after the builder is given notice to pro-

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ceed, and the dam must be completed within six and one-half years, with a penalty of \$3,000 daily for each day longer.

Denver, March 11 (AP)—The nation's newest full-fledged municipality soon is to rise from hot desert sands.

It is Boulder City, Nevada, "model" town where laborers, craftsmen, engineers and artisans connected with the construction of Hoover dam will live for the next eight years.

Located on a high tableland of several thousand acres, 23 miles east of Las Vegas, Nev., Boulder City will provide homes for approximately 3,000 workers and their families.

It will be constructed with rigid economy as to detail, although permitting many new ideas in city planning. To S. R. DeBoer, Denver landscape artist, has been assigned the task of planning the town.

Designed on the lines of a double triangle, Boulder City is to have no cross streets. Boulevards, named after the Colorado river states, will act as traffic arteries, and there will be open plazas near each of the larger buildings in the business district.

Engineers hope to begin installation of the domestic water system in July, and the city buildings will proceed shortly afterward.

Churches, schools, theaters, hospitals, playgrounds, a hotel and a nine-hole golf course will be built—all set to a scale of simplicity. For those wishing to engage in business at Boulder City, lots will be for lease next year.

There will be no concessions nor monopolies, and during the period of construction no lots will be sold.

Southern pine, fig, date, pomegranate and palm trees will be planted in the desert region. Uncle Sam will spare no effort to make his workers in the wasteland as comfortable as possible. To shut off summer's hot winds the city will be hedged by a forest of trees.

Allowance has been made for the possible growth and development of Boulder City beyond the eight-year period for which it is being created. Many of the workers no doubt will remain in the community, while others, because of the nature of their employment, will go elsewhere after the dam is finished.