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Mandaree company wins \$14 million federal contract
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MANDAREE., November 18, 2003 – A Mandaree based company owned by the Three Affiliated Tribes is a winner in securing a recent federal contract from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Mandaree Enterprises Corp. was awarded a \$14 million, three-year federal contract for information services with HUD, said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D.

MEC will create, distribute, collect and analyze surveys of hundreds of thousands of residents of public and assisted-pay housing around the nation, many on Indian reservations.

"I congratulate Mandaree for its initiative and good work, and for its continued role in spurring economic development on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation and elsewhere in North Dakota," Dorgan said.

Mandaree Enterprise Corp., formerly Mandaree Electronics Corp., began 13 years ago with five employees.

Today, the company has about 70 employees in several facilities – in Mandaree, White Shield, Parshall, Washington, D.C., and Cincinnati, Ohio. The majority of MEC employees are in North Dakota.

The company, which has received a number of national awards recognizing its success, has diversified its business operation to include providing information technology services, hardware-software and supplies for both large corporate businesses and the federal government.

Clarence O'Berry, MEC president and chief executive officer, said the company had 100,000 in annual sales in 1990.

In an article in the Minot Daily News in October, O'Berry said MEC has \$50 million in contract backlog and \$300 million in government-wide acquisition contracts.

A significant milestone for the company occurred this fall when the company received a new \$1.7 million line of credit from the Native American Bank in Denver. The money was designated to develop and expand MEC's business opportunities, O'Berry said.

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