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APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF OHIO AND THE STERLING BRONZE CO., INÇ., LONG ISLAND CITY, N. Y., FOR ORNAMENTAL LIGHTING FIXTURES FOR THE STATE OFFICE BUILDING, AT AN EXPENDITURE OF \$20,426.00—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY THE AMERICAN BONDING COMPANY OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

Columbus, Ohio, January 22, 1932.

HON. FRANK W. Mowrey, Executive Secretary, State Office Building Commission, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval a contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the State Office Building Commission, appointed under Section 1 of House Bill No. 17 of the 88th General Assembly, passed March 14, 1929 (113 O. L. 59), and The Sterling Bronze Co., Inc., Long Island City, N. Y. This contract covers the construction and completion of Contract for Ornamental Lighting Fixtures (Branch II), for the State Office Building, according to Item No. 8 of the Form of Proposal dated November 7, 1931. Said contract calls for an expenditure of twenty thousand four hundred and twenty-six dollars (\$20,426.00).

You have submitted the certificate of the Director of Finance to the effect that there are unencumbered balances legally appropriated in a sum sufficient to cover the obligations of the contract. It is to be noted that the Controlling Board's approval to the expenditure is not required under House Bill No. 621 of the 89th General Assembly, appropriating the money for this contract. In addition, you have submitted a contract bond upon which the American Bonding Company of Baltimore, Maryland, appears as surety, sufficient to cover the amount of the contract.

You have further submitted evidence indicating that plans were properly prepared and approved, notice to bidders was properly given, bids tabulated as required by law and the contract duly awarded. Also it appears that the laws relating to the status of surety companies and the workmen's compensation have been complied with. A certificate of the Secretary of State shows that the contracting foreign corporation is authorized to do business in Ohio.

Finally, it appears that the Governor has approved all the acts of the Commission, in accordance with Section 1 of House Bill No. 17 of the 88th General Assembly.

Finding said contract and bond in proper legal form, I have this day noted my approval thereon and return the same herewith to you, together with all other data submitted in this connection.

Respectfully,
GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, NOTES OF JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO—\$9,400.00.

Columbus, Ohio, January 22, 1932.

Retirement Board, State Teachers Retirement System, Columbus, Ohio.