

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 obligation of the contract. There has further been submitted a contract bond upon which the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company 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. However, it is noted that the bids received were above the estimate and the controlling board authorized the awarding of the contract in the amount as stated. Also it appears that the laws relating to the status of surety companies and the workmen's compensation have been complied with.

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,
C. C. CRABBE,
Attorney-General.

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APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN STATE OF OHIO AND FRANK HALTER OF COLUMBUS, OHIO—CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF STEAM TRANSMISSION LINES TO WELLS HALL, MIAMI UNIVERSITY, OXFORD, OHIO, AT A COST OF \$4,250.00—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY H. HALTER.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, November 13, 1923.

HON. L. A. BOULAY, *Director, Department of Highways and Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Highways and Public Works, and Frank Halter of Columbus, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of steam transmission lines to Wells Hall, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, and calls for an expenditure of \$4,250.00.

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.

There has further been submitted a contract bond upon which H. Halter 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 workmen's compensation have been complied with.

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,
C. C. CRABBE,
Attorney-General.