

tion to qualify as required by law, a vacancy is created which the remaining members of the board are required to fill at its next regular or special meeting or as soon thereafter as possible.

Respectfully,

GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF OHIO AND THE UNITED METAL PRODUCTS COMPANY OF CANTON, OHIO, FOR METAL PARTITIONS FOR STATE OFFICE BUILDING AT AN EXPENDITURE OF \$114,000.00 SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY THE UNION INDEMNITY COMPANY, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, December 11, 1931.

HON. CARMİ A. THOMPSON, *Chairman, 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 United Metal Products Company of Canton, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of contract for Metal Partitions (Branch AA), State Office Building, in accordance with Item No. 1 of the form of proposal dated November 12, 1931. Said contract calls for an expenditure of one hundred and fourteen thousand dollars (\$114,000.00).

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 of 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 Union Indemnity Company of New Orleans, Louisiana, 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 Workman's Compensation have been complied with.

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.