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APPROVAL, CONTRACT WITH ARTHUR REYNOLDS PLUMBING COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,250 FOR WORK OF HEATING SENATE CHAMBER OF OHIO STATE CAPITOL BUILDING.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, November 16, 1921.

Department of Highways and Public Works, Division of Public Lands and Buildings, Columbus, Ohio.

GENTLEMEN:—Under date November 10, 1921, you submitted for my examination a proposed contract for work of heating in the senate chamber of the Ohio State Capitol building.

The papers submitted include:

Proposal blank dated November 5, 1921;

Tabulation of bids submitted;

Original bid of Arthur Reynolds Plumbing Company offering to do the work for the sum of $2,250.00;

Copy of minutes of the controlling board granting a request that the provisions of sections 2314 to 2330 G. C. be waived;

Certificate of the department of finance showing that the sum of $2,250.00 has been appropriated and is available for the payment of the cost of the work;

Proposed contract in triplicate signed by Arthur Reynolds Plumbing Company by Arthur Reynolds and by the state through your department and its director;

Bond signed by Arthur Reynolds doing business as Arthur Reynolds Plumbing Company, principal and Deborah Reynolds as surety.

In addition to what is disclosed by the papers submitted, it has been ascertained upon personal conference with Mr. Harsh, state architect, that the total estimated cost of the work covered by the proposed contract is the sum of $2,735.00; also that invitations to file proposals for the doing of the work were extended to three firms in addition to those who actually filed bids for the work; or, in other words, the invitations to bid were extended to six firms in all. It has also been ascertained that the several bidders who filed proposals with you, filed duplicate proposals in the office of the auditor of state.

The papers submitted show that Arthur Reynolds Plumbing Company was low bidder, the remaining two proposals being in the respective sums of $2,395.00 and $2,600.00; also that the form of bond tendered by the low bidder contains the provisions called for by section 2365-4 G. C.

It further appears, as above indicated, that both the estimated cost of the work, and the amounts named in the three proposals filed, were less than the sum of $3,000.00.

Finding, as I do, that the proceedings of your department have been in conformity to law, and that the proposed contract and the bond accompanying the same are in proper form, I am endorsing my approval on the contract, and am returning it herewith, together with the other papers above noted.

Respectfully,

JOHN G. PRICE,

Attorney-General.