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APPROVAL, CONTRACT OF STATE OF OHIO WITH D. W. McGRATH & SONS, COLUMBUS, FOR GENERAL CONTRACT WORK, INSTITUTION FOR FEEBLE MINDED, ORIENT, AT A COST OF \$639,836—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY UNITED STATES FIDELITY & GUARANTY COMPANY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, September 21, 1922.

HON. LEON C. HERRICK, *Director, Department of Highways and Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted to me for approval a set of contracts, seven in number (five copies each), between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Highways and Public Works, and D. W. McGrath & Sons, a partnership consisting of D. W. McGrath, E. H. McGrath and F. J. McGrath, of Columbus, Ohio. The documents submitted are as noted in your letter of September 9, 1922; to which have been added by delivery at this office the letter of September 12, 1922, directed by the Department of Public Welfare to Mr. Robert S. Harsh, State Architect and Engineer, authorizing the entering into of the proposed set of contracts, and the certificate of the Industrial Commission showing that said firm of D. W. McGrath & Sons has complied with the workmen's compensation law. The set of contracts in question cover the work included under "General Contract" for improvements at the Institution for Feeble Minded, Orient, Ohio, and at contract prices as follows:

Cottage 1-X.....	\$109,319.00
2-V.....	92,594.00
3-Z.....	111,244.00
4-Y.....	108,947.00
5-W.....	109,311.00
6-V.....	92,621.00
Sewage system.....	15,800.00
Total.....	<u>\$639,836.00</u>

The proposal form used not only called for individual bids as to each item above noted, but also called for combined bid. The combined bid, however, was required to be itemized as to each of the above items, and the bidder was required to agree to sign a separate contract as to each of the above items.

The bid of said D. W. McGrath & Sons at \$639,836.00 was the lowest combined bid submitted. It was accompanied by a bond in the sum of \$650,000 to insure faithful performance, executed by The United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co. as surety.

I have before me the seven separate certificates of the Director of Finance in the respective sums above noted under the head of "Contract Price" that there is an unencumbered balance legally appropriated sufficient to cover the obligations of each of said set of contracts.

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

Respectfully,  
JOHN G. PRICE,  
*Attorney-General.*