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CONTRACT AND BOND—STATE WITH GEO. L. BECKETT,
VENTILATING WORK, EAST WING, CHEMISTRY BUILD-
ING, MIAMI UNIVERSITY, OXFORD.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 24, 1939.

HON. CARL G. WAHL, *Director, Department of Public Works, Columbus,
Ohio.*

DEAR SIR: You have submitted for my approval a contract by and between Geo. L. Beckett, Oxford, Ohio, and the State of Ohio, acting through you as the Director of the Department of Public Works, for ventilating work upon a project known as West Wing to Chemistry Build-

ing, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, as set forth in Item 5, of the form of proposal dated November 2, 1938, which contract calls for the expenditure of \$1,722.

You have submitted the following papers and documents in this connection: contract encumbrance record number 1703, dated November 9, 1938; estimate of cost; division of contract; notice to bidders; proof of publication; Workmen's Compensation Certificate showing the contractor to have complied with the laws of Ohio relating to compensation; the form of proposal containing the contract bond signed by the Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, its power of attorney for the signer, its financial statement and the certificate of compliance with the laws of Ohio relating to surety companies; the recommendations of the State Architect, Board of Trustees of Miami University, and the Director of the Department of Public Works; Controlling Board Release; approval of PWA and a letter from the Auditor of State showing that all the necessary papers and documents are on file in said office, and the tabulation of bids on this project.

I have examined the specifications made part of the contract by reference and find that a prevailing wage schedule is attached to said specifications in compliance with Section 17-4 of the General Code of Ohio.

I find no clause in the contract complying with Section 2366-1 of the General Code of Ohio, but by reason of the penal provisions of said section am of the opinion that any aggrieved person has an adequate remedy at law and the absence of said provision is not such as to invalidate said contract.

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

Respectfully,

THOMAS J. HERBERT,
Attorney General.