

Taking this view of the case, and in the light of the foregoing authorities, it is therefore my opinion that the employment mentioned in your letter is not illegal.

Respectfully,  
C. C. CRABBE,  
*Attorney General.*

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APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN STATE OF OHIO AND D. W. McGRATH & SONS, OF COLUMBUS, OHIO, FOR CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF THE GENERAL ITEMS AND PLASTERING ITEMS FOR ANIMAL HUSBANDRY BUILDING, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, AT COST OF \$141,900.00.—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY THE UNITED STATES FIDELITY & GUARANTY COMPANY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, September 15, 1924.

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

Dear Sir:—

You have submitted for my approval a contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Highways and Public Works and D. W. McGrath & Sons, of Columbus, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of the general items and plastering item for the Animal Husbandry Building, Ohio State University, and calls for an expenditure of \$141,900.00.

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 the United States Fidelity & 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. 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.*