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APPROVAL, CONTRACT OF STATE OF OHIO WITH THE W.H. SPOHN PLUMBING COMPANY, COLUMBUS, FOR COMBINED PLUMBING AND HEATING FOR ALL COTTAGES AT INSTITUTION FOR FEEBLE MINDED, ORIENT, AT A COST OF \$100,590—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY MARYLAND CASUALTY COMPANY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, September 16, 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, six in number (5 copies each), between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Highways and Public Works, and The W. H. Spohn Plumbing Co., an Ohio corporation, of Columbus, Ohio. The documents submitted are noted in your letter of September 9, 1922, to which has been added by delivery to 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. The contracts in question cover the work included under "Combined Plumbing and Heating for All Cottages" to be constructed at the institution for Feeble Minded, Orient, Ohio, said cottages and the contract prices for plumbing and heating being as follows:

Cottage 1-X	-----	\$ 20,547.00
2-V	-----	9,201.00
3-Z	-----	20,547.00
4-Y	-----	20,547.00
5-W	-----	20,547.00
6-V	-----	9,201.00
Total	-----	<u>\$100,590.00</u>

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

The bid of said The W. H. Spohn Plumbing Co. was the lowest combined bid submitted. It was accompanied by a bond in the sum of \$100,590.00, to insure faithful performance, executed by Maryland Casualty Company as surety.

I have before me the six 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.