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APPROVAL—CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF ONE ENGINE FOR MASSILLON STATE HOSPITAL AND TWO ENGINES FOR ATHENS STATE HOSPITAL, \$16,000.00, UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY OF BALTIMORE, MD., SURETY—ELLIOTT COMPANY, RIDGWAY, PA., CONTRACTOR.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 25, 1936.

HON. MARGARET M. ALLMAN, *Director of Public Welfare, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR MADAM: You have submitted for my approval a contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Public Welfare, and the Elliott Company, of Ridgway, Pennsylvania. This contract covers the construction and completion of one engine for Massillon State Hospital and two engines for Athens State Hospital, at Massillon, and Athens, Ohio, respectively, in accordance with the Form of Proposal dated April 6, 1936. Said contract calls for an expenditure of sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000.00).

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. In addition, you have submitted a contract bond upon which the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company of Baltimore, Maryland, 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. A certificate of the Secretary of State shows that the contracting foreign corporation has been admitted to do business in Ohio.

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,

JOHN W. BRICKER,
Attorney General.