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APPROVAL, FOUR CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE STATE OF OHIO AND E. ELFORD, COLUMBUS, OHIO, FOR CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF DORMITORY "A", OHIO STATE REFORMATORY FOR WOMEN, MARYSVILLE, OHIO, AT A COST OF \$80,530.00; COMPLETION OF COTTAGE FOR SUPERINTENDENT, AT A COST OF \$12,100.00; CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF BOILER HOUSE AT A COST OF \$22,850.00; COMPLETION OF STACK FOUNDATION AT A COST OF \$2,420.00—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY THE FIDELITY AND CASUALTY COMPANY, NEW YORK.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 1, 1923.

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

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval four contracts between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Highways and Public Works, and E. Elford of Columbus, Ohio. These contracts relate to combined general, electric wiring and fixtures, plumbing and heating for Dormitory "A", Cottage for Superintendent, revised as of February 1st, 1923, boiler house and stack foundation, as covered in section 23 of the proposal submitted. One of said contracts relates to the construction and completion of Dormitory "A" and calls for an expenditure of \$80,530.00; one relates to the completion of the Cottage for the Superintendent and calls for an expenditure of \$12,100.00; one relates to the construction and completion of the boiler house and calls for an expenditure of \$22,850.00, and another relates to the completion of the stack foundation and calls for an expenditure of \$2,420.00.

You have submitted encumbrance estimates containing the certificates of the Director of Finance to the effect that there are unencumbered balances legally appropriated sufficient to cover the amounts stated in said contract. You have further submitted a contract bond upon which the Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York appear as surety, sufficient in amount to cover the combined sums of the above stated contracts.

You have further submitted evidence indicating that proper notice to bidders was given, that plans were properly prepared and approved, bids tabulated and contract awarded. Also, you have submitted evidence to the effect that the laws relating to the status of insurance companies and the Workmen's Compensation have been complied with.

Finding said contracts 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,