

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.*

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APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN STATE OF OHIO AND D. W. McGRATH AND SONS, COLUMBUS, OHIO, CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF NORTH-CENTRAL PORTION OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, AT A COST OF \$46,000.00—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY THE UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 30, 1923.

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

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Highways and Public Works and D. W. McGrath and Sons of Columbus, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of the north-central portion of the administration Building on the Ohio State University Campus, and calls for an expenditure of \$46,000.00.

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. There has further been submitted a contract bond upon which The United States Fidelity and 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 waived by the controlling board and permission given to secure bids from the contractors doing the work on the main building. Said bids were to be submitted to the Finance Director and if approved the Director of Highways was authorized to proceed to sign said contract. The approval of the bid by the Director of Finance has been submitted. The contract was 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.*