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.

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APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN STATE OF OHIO AND THE BAKER AND SHINDLER CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC., DEFIANCE, OHIO, COVERING THE CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF CONTRACT FOR GENERAL WORK AT BOWLING GREEN STATE COLLEGE.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, September 6, 1934.

HON. T. S. BRINDLE, Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval a contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Public Works, for the Board of Trustees of Bowling Green State College, Bowling Green, Ohio, and The Baker and Shindler Contracting Company, Inc., of Defiance, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of contract for general work for a project known as Alterations to Chemical Laboratory and Stock Room, Bowling Green State College, Bowling Green, Ohio, in accordance with the Form of Proposal dated August 2, 1934. Said contract calls for an expenditure of one thousand one hundred dollars (\$1.100.00).

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 Fidelity and Deposit Company of 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 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.

Inasmuch as the improvement herein is under \$3,000, the provisions of sections 2314 et seq., General Code, do not have to be strictly complied with.

Finding said contract and 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 in this connection.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. BRICKER,

Attorney General.