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June 6, 1927

Hon. H. W. Austin, Commissioner of Purchases,  
State of Minnesota,  
St. Paul, Minn.

24 U. S. standard gauge steel weighs per square foot  
16 ounces.

22 U. S. standard gauge steel weighs per square foot  
20 ounces.

To these weights must be added from 1 to 2 ounces for  
envelopes and enamel, the exact weight of the packed plates de-  
pending on the number of coats, the weight of the envelope and  
the dimensions of the plate.

We herewith submit sample envelope.

We own and operate a License Plate manufacturing plant  
in St. Paul, Minn. having a capacity of 5,000 pair of plates  
per day.

Attached please find certified check in the sum of  
\$1,000.00.

Samples of 24 and 22 gauge sheet steel, together with  
envelopes and finished samples are herewith submitted.

Trusting the above will meet with your approval, we  
remain

Very truly yours,

WESTERN STAMPING & MFG. CO.,

BY T. R. Willwerscheid

T. R. Willwerscheid.

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Enc. check  
" sample plates and envelopes

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WESTERN STAMPING & MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Saint Paul, Minn.

June 6, 1927.

Hon. H. W. Austin, Commissioner of Purchases,  
State of Minnesota,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

We are pleased to quote as below on Motor Vehicle Number  
Plates for your 1928 License term and as per your specifications:

24 U. S. GAUGE STEEL  
One coat of enamel

DEALERS, MOTORCYCLE, TRUCK, TRAILER, BUS, TAX EXEMPT,  
OWNERS SERIES "A" AND "B", AND DUPLICATE PLATES, AT PER PLATE \$.059¢

For one additional coat of enamel, add per thousand  
plates - - - - - \$3.50

22 U. S. GAUGE STEEL  
One coat of enamel

DEALERS, MOTORCYCLE, TRUCK, TRAILER, BUS, TAX EXEMPT,  
OWNERS SERIES "A" AND "B", AND DUPLICATE PLATES, AT PER PLATE \$.064¢

For one additional coat of enamel, add per thousand  
plates - - - - - \$3.50

The above prices provide for any combination of two  
colors.

Metal is to be open hearth steel, suitable for stamping  
and enameling.

The above prices provide for envelope #1.

For envelope #2, add per thousand pair - - - - - \$1.10

If finish is to be in one coat plates are to be dipped  
for background color, with design applied by means of special roll  
equipment.

Additional coat may be applied by either a dip or spray  
process.

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WESTERN STAMPING & MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Saint Paul, Minn.

June 24, 1927.

Hon. H. W. Austin, Commissioner of Purchases,  
State of Minnesota,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Supplementing our bid of June 6th, we now quote you  
a price of - - - per plate - \$.05105  
on the 24 U. S. gauge one coat enamel License Plates for your  
1928 requirements, in accordance with your specifications.

Very truly yours,

WESTERN STAMPING & MFG. CO.

BY Louis W. Zahonyi

Louis W. Zahonyi

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C-O-P-Y

June 30, 1927.

Western Stamping & Manufacturing Company,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Gentlemen:

This is to inform you that you have been awarded the contract to manufacture and deliver to the State of Minnesota at the Automobile Department in the State Capitol, St. Paul all of the Motor Vehicle License Plates required by the state during the year 1928 as called for in our specifications which accompanied our call for bids dated May 23, 1927 and supplementary specifications dated May 24, 1927, and at the prices and in accordance with your bid dated June 6, 1927 supplemented by your letter of June 24, 1927.

These plates are to be made of #24 U.S. gauge steel and to be enclosed in envelopes as specified. One dipped coat of enamel besides that which makes the letters shall be applied to all plates, and the plates furnished shall be fully equal to the sample submitted with your bid. Delivery is to be made in the sub-basement of the State Capitol Building, the plates to be numerically piled as directed by the registrar. The colors are to be selected by the Secretary of State later. We estimate that approximately 600,000 pairs of plates will be required consisting of dealers, motorcycle, truck, trailer, bus, tax exempt, owners series "A" and "B", and duplicate plates. Price per plate \$.05105.

Approximate amount of your contract.....\$62,000

You will be notified when your contract and bond are ready for signature.

Very truly yours,

H. W. Austin

Commissioner of Purchases

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, Western Stamping & Manufacturing Company, a Minnesota corporation, as principal, and NATIONAL SURETY COMPANY, a corporation of New York as surety, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Minnesota in the amount of \$32,000.00, for the payment of which well and truly to be made we jointly and severally bind ourselves, our representatives and successors firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals and dated this 12th day of July, 1927.

The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the principal has entered into a contract with the state, evidenced by written memorandum of even date, for the furnishing of all of the Motor Vehicle License Plates required by the state during the year 1928, including labor and material, the regularity and validity of which contract is hereby affirmed;

NOW, THEREFORE, if the principal shall faithfully perform the contract so made and shall pay as they become due all just claims for labor and materials furnished and used under such contract, and shall save the state harmless from all costs and charges that may accrue on account of any act or omission of the contractor in the execution of the agreement so made, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

In presence of:

WESTERN STAMPING & MANUFACTURING CO.  
(Contractor)

[Signature]

Louis H. Jahonyi  
Vice President

A. Thelin  
As to principal.

[Signature]  
Secretary  
(Principal)

John J. Fitzgerald  
Wedge B. Corbett

NATIONAL SURETY COMPANY  
Surety  
By George E. Johnson  
Attorney-in-fact.

STATE OF MINNESOTA )  
COUNTY OF RAMSEY ) SS

On July 12, 1927, before me came Louis H. Jahonyi V.P. and F. H. Brown Secy, to me personally known to be the same persons described in and who, as principal, executed the foregoing bond and acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

W. J. MAYNARD,  
Notary Public, Ramsey County, Minn.  
My Commission Expires Jan. 14, 1934.  
[Signature]  
Notary Pub. in, Ramsey County, Minn.  
My commission expires Jan 14 1934.

Time is of the essence of this provision and should the contractor fail to complete such work within the time herein specified, the state may deduct from the unpaid part of the contract price an amount equal to \$25.00 per day for each and every working day thereafter during which the contract shall remain unfinished and incomplete. This amount being hereby agreed upon as liquidated damages in lieu of actual damages other than stated below.

Payment to be made in the usual course of state payment and at the times and subject to the conditions stated in the specifications and subject to the terms and conditions of this agreement.

The contractor shall give a bond to the state with corporate surety acceptable to the commission in the amount of sixty-two thousand (\$62,000.00) dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of the contract and the payment to laborers and materialmen of all claims for work done and materials furnished. The surety shall not be entitled to notice of authorized changes made in the specifications.

The contractor shall procure and keep in effect, workmen's compensation insurance for the protection of his employees.

This memorandum of agreement shall become binding upon the parties when signed in behalf of the state by the commission over the signature of its chairman and when signed in person by the contractor.

Dated July 12, 1927.

In presence of:

S. Anderson

Gen. W. V. H. H. H.

July 15 1927

St. Paul Minn.

A. J. Helin

Approved as to form and execution.

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA,  
By Commission of Administration  
and Finance

Chairman.

WESTERN STAMPING & MANUFACTURING CO.  
Contractor.

President

Secretary.

#### MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Between the State of Minnesota, herein called the state, and Western Stamping & Manufacturing Company, a Minnesota corporation, herein called the contractor.

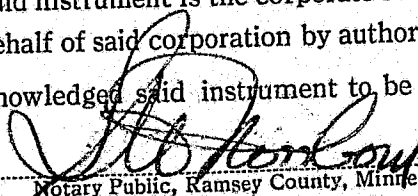
The state, through its Commission of Administration and Finance, herein called the commission, having duly advertised for proposals for all of the Motor Vehicle License Plates required by the state during the year 1928, in accordance with the specifications of said commission dated May 23, 1927, which specifications are on file in the office of the commission but made a part hereof; and the contractor, having submitted its proposal dated June 8, 1927, covering the furnishing of said plates in consideration of the price stipulated therein at a total estimated cost of sixty-two thousand (\$62,000.00) dollars, a copy of which proposal is hereto annexed, and which proposal has been accepted by the state as indicated by a letter dated June 30, 1927, and signed by H. W. Austin, Commissioner of Purchases, a copy of which is hereto attached, and which amount of sixty-two thousand (\$62,000.00) dollars, above specified, is hereinafter referred to as the contract price. It is further specified that the said plates shall be made of #24 U.S. gauge steel and to be enclosed in envelopes as specified, and shall be given one dipped coat of enamel besides that which makes the letter, and all plates shall be fully equal to the sample submitted by the contractor. Delivery to be made when, and in the manner specified by the specifications.

It is agreed that the contractor will enter upon the performance of the contract promptly and in accordance with the specifications, and will complete the entire work on or before November 1, 1927.

STATE OF MINNESOTA, } ss  
County of Ramsey.

On this 12th day of July A. D. 1927, before me  
appeared George E. Johnson, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn, did  
say that he is the attorney-in-fact of the National Surety Company, the corporation described in and who  
executed the foregoing instrument, and that the seal affixed to said instrument is the corporate seal of said  
corporation, and that said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of said corporation by authority of its  
board of directors, and said George E. Johnson acknowledged said instrument to be free act  
and deed of said corporation.

S. H. NORRBOM

  
Notary Public, Ramsey County, Minnesota

My Commission Expires Sept. 24, 1932



COMMISSION:  
HENRY RINES, CHAIRMAN  
COMPTROLLER  
A. J. PETERSON  
BUDGET COMMISSIONER  
H. W. AUSTIN  
PURCHASING COMMISSIONER  
FRANK H. NUTTER  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

State of Minnesota  
Department of Administration and Finance  
St. Paul

July 18th, 1927.

Mr. Mike Holm,  
Secretary of State,  
Building.

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing herewith copy of contract  
between the State of Minnesota and Western Stamping  
and Manufacturing Company covering Motor Vehicle License  
Plates.

This copy is for your files.

Yours very truly,

COMMISSION OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

*Frank H. Nutter*  
Executive Secretary.

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