

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT, between the State of Minnesota, hereinafter called the State, and the Western Stamping & Manufacturing Company, a corporation, of St. Paul, Minnesota, hereinafter called the contractor.

The State, thru 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 1927, in accordance with the specifications of said Commission, dated April 29th, 1926, which specifications are on file in the office of the Commission, but made a part hereof; and the contractor, having submitted its proposal dated May 20th, 1926, covering the furnishing of said plates in consideration of the price stipulated therein at a total estimated cost of Seventy-Five-Thousand (\$75,000.) 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 2nd, 1926, signed by H. W. Austin, Commissioner of Purchases, a copy of which is hereto attached, and which amount of Seventy-Five-Thousand (\$75,000.00) 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, shall 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 the several times shown in the specifications. Time is of the essence of this provision and should the

contractor fail to complete such installation 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 that portion of the contract shall remain unpaid 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 Seventy-Five-Thousand (\$75,000.00) Dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of the contract and the payment to laborers and material-men 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 June 30, 1926.

In presence of:

M. A. Guldin  
G. P. McVale

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA,

By Commission of Adminis-  
tration and Finance.

[Signature]  
Chairman.

WESTERN STAMPING & MANUFACTURING CO.  
(Contractor)

E. S. Schultz  
A. J. Thelen

Louis H. Johnson  
Vice President.  
Geo Brown  
Secretary.

St. Paul, Minn.

July 26  
1926

Approved as to form and  
execution.

[Signature]  
Attorney General

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, Western Stamping & Manufacturing Company, a corporation, of St. Paul, Minnesota, as principal, and NATIONAL SURETY COMPANY of New York

as surety, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Minnesota, in the sum of \$75,000.00, for the use of the State and also for the use of all persons who may perform labor and furnish material in the performance of a contract to which reference is made herein, 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 30th day of June, 1926.

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 1927, 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),

L. S. Schultz  
to principal.

Louis W. Zahonyi  
President.

A. J. Helin  
to principal.

F. H. Brown  
Secretary.  
(Principal)

[Signature]

NATIONAL SURETY COMPANY  
(Surety)

M. Berlandi

By [Signature]  
Its Attorney-in-fact.

St. Paul, Minn.

June 30 1926

Approved as to form and execution.

STATE OF MINNESOTA )  
COUNTY OF RAMSEY ) SS

On June 30 1926, before me came Louis W. Zahonyi and F. H. Brown, 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.

(SEAL)

[Signature]  
Notary Public, Ramsey County, Minn.,  
My commission expires May 15 1933

W. J. MAYNARD,  
Notary Public, Ramsey County, Minn.,  
My Commission Expires May 15, 1933,

STATE OF MINNESOTA, }  
County of Ramsey. } SS

On this 30th day of June A. D. 1926, before me appeared L. A. Green, 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 L. A. Green, acknowledged said instrument to be free act and deed of said corporation.

S. H. NORRBO

*S. H. Norrbom*  
Notary Public, Ramsey County, Minnesota

Sept. 24, 1932

My Commission Expires

WESTERN STAMPING & MANUFACTURING CO.  
Formerly  
WESTERN DISPLAY & MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

Pressed Metal Signs and Markers for  
Streets, Highways and Railroads  
Departmental License Plates

701 Chestnut Street,  
St. Paul, Minn.  
May 20, 1926.

Minnesota State Commission of Administration and Finance,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Attention Mr. H. W. Austin, Commissioner of Purchases.

Gentlemen:-

We are pleased to quote as below on Motor Vehicle  
Number Plates for use during the year 1927; and as per your  
specifications:

24 U. S. GAUGE STEEL  
One Coat Enamel

Dealers Plates, at per plate. . . . .	\$.0625
Motorcycle Plates, at per plate. . . . .	\$.0625
Series "T" Truck Plates, at per plate. . . . .	\$.0625
Series "S" Truck Plates, at per plate. . . . .	\$.0625
Series "X" Truck Plates, at per plate. . . . .	\$.0625
Series "Y" Truck Plates, at per plate. . . . .	\$.0625
Series "Z" Trailer Plates, at per plate. . . . .	\$.0625
Series "C" Bus Plates, at per plate. . . . .	\$.0625
Tax Exempt Motor Vehicle Plates, at per plate. . . . .	\$.0625
Tax Exempt Motorcycle Plates, at per plate. . . . .	\$.0625
Duplicate Motor Vehicle Plates, at per plate. . . . .	\$.0625
Duplicate Truck Plates, at per plate. . . . .	\$.0625
Duplicate Motorcycle Plates, at per plate. . . . .	\$.0625
Duplicate Trailer Plates, at per plate. . . . .	\$.0625
Duplicate Bus Plates, at per plate. . . . .	\$.0625
Series "A" Plates, at per plate. . . . .	\$.0625
Series "B" Plates, at per plate. . . . .	\$.0625

For one additional coat of enamel, add per thousand plates \$7.20.

22 U. S. GAUGE STEEL  
One Coat Enamel

Dealers Plates, at per plate. . . . .	\$.07
Motorcycle Plates, at per plate. . . . .	\$.07
Series "T" Truck Plates, at per plate. . . . .	\$.07
Series "S" Truck Plates, at per plate. . . . .	\$.07
Series "X" Truck Plates, at per plate. . . . .	\$.07
Series "Y" Truck Plates, at per plate. . . . .	\$.07
Series "Z" Trailer Plates, at per plate. . . . .	\$.07
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Duplicate Bus Plates, at per plate. . . . .	\$.07
Series "A" Plates, at per plate. . . . .	\$.07
Series "B" Plates, at per plate. . . . .	\$.07

For one additional coat of enamel, add per thousand plates-\$7.20

The above prices provide for any combination of two colors.

Delivery is to be made in the sub-basement of the Capitol Building, the plates to be numerically piled as directed by the Registrar.

Envelope is to be two-in-one type and subject to your approval.

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

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

Additional coat, if so ordered, will be applied by the spray process on the face.

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 enamels, the exact weight depending on the number of coats, the weight of the envelope and the dimensions of the plate.

Attached please find certified check in the sum of \$1000.00.

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

Trusting the above will meet with your approval, we are,

Respectfully yours,

WESTERN STAMPING & MFG. CO.,

By T. R. Willwerscheid

W-T  
Check  
Samples

(COPY)

June 2, 1926.

Western Display & Manufacturing Company,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:-

This is to inform you that you have been awarded the contract to furnish and deliver to the State at the Automobile Department in the State Capitol all of the motor vehicle license plates required by the State during the year 1927 as called for in our specifications dated April 29th, 1926, at the prices and in accordance with your bid dated May 20, 1926, these plates 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 letter shall be applied to all plates and all plates shall be fully equal to the sample submitted by you.

Delivery is to be made in the sub-basement of the Capitol Building, the plates to be numerically piled as directed by the registrar. The colors are to be as follows as selected by the Secretary of State:

- For passenger vehicles  
busses and motorcycles - - Pea green letters on dark bottle green background.
- For trucks and trailers - White letters on tuscan red background.
- For dealers' plates - Deep vermillion letters on light grey background.
- For tax-exempt plates - Lemon yellow letters on granite background.

The colors of the duplicate plates will be the same in each case as the colors of the originals that they replace."

A conservative estimate of the number of plates that will be required in each class and that we feel safe in placing an initial order for at this time is as follows:

"A"-245,000 pairs	"T"-27,000 pairs
"B"-255,000 pairs	"X"-30,000 pairs
"C"- 350 pairs	"Y"- 3,500 pairs
"S"-100 pairs	"Z"-2,000 plates
"MC"-2,300 plates,	Dealers' Plates- 2,000 first sets.

An estimate of additional sets of dealers' plates under each number will be supplied to the manufacturer in December.

Duplicate "A"-1,200 pairs	Duplicate "T"-100 pairs
Duplicate "B"-1,200 pairs	Duplicate "X"-400 pairs
Duplicate "C"- 25 pairs	Duplicate "Y" 25 pairs
Duplicate "Z"- 10 plates	Duplicates "MC"-50 plates.

The total approximate amount of your contract is \$75,000.00. You will be notified when your contract and bond are ready for signature.

Very truly yours,  
COMMISSION OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE  
H. W. AUSTIN,  
Commissioner of Purchases.

HWA:NB

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