

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Between the State of Minnesota, herein called the state, and Gopher Stamp & Die Company, a Delaware corporation, herein called the contractor.

The state, through its registrar of motor vehicles, herein called the registrar, having duly advertised for proposals for the furnishing of motor vehicle number plates for the use of the state in carrying out during the year 1934 the provisions of the laws relating to the registration and taxation of motor vehicles, in accordance with specifications therefor, copy of which is hereto attached, and the contractor having submitted its proposal, dated July 6, 1934, for the furnishing of such plates, at the prices stated therein at a total estimated cost of approximately \$65,000.

The contractor will enter at once upon the performance of the contract and will manufacture and deliver the required number plates promptly at the place and in the quantities specified for delivery at the respective dates fixed by the specifications, and of the quality, workmanship, and finish required, all in accordance with the specifications, the proposal of the contractor, the report of the registrar to the commission of administration and finance, herein called the commission, and the award of the contract by the commission, copies of which proposal, report of registrar, and notice of award of contract are hereto annexed and made a part hereof.

There is incorporated in this memorandum the provision in the specifications relating to rescission of the contract and the purchase of needed plates elsewhere in case of default in delivery as fully and with the same effect as if copied at length herein.

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Payments will be made substantially at the end of each delivery period for plates delivered therein on bills therefor approved by the registrar, and in the usual course of state payment.

The contractor herewith shall give bond to the state with corporate surety acceptable to the commission in the amount of \$65,000, conditioned for the faithful performance of the contract.

This memorandum 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 behalf of the contractor by its proper officers under its corporate seal.

Dated July 8, 1933.

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA,
By Commission of Administration
and Finance.

E. J. Pearllove
Chairman

(Corporate Seal)

GOPHER STAMP & DIE CO.
Contractor

By *Chas. Jensen*
Vice President

By *W. S. Smith*
Secretary

COMPTROLLER'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that there is an unencumbered balance in the appropriation from which is required to be paid the obligation incurred under the provisions of the within contract.

St. Paul, Minn.

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E. J. Pearllove
W. S. Smith

The foregoing
to form and by
July 30
Roger [Signature]

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, Gopher
Stamp & Lie Company, a Delaware corporation, as principal,
and SEABOARD SURETY COMPANY
of New York, a corporation, as surety, are
held and firmly bound unto the State of Minnesota in the
amount of \$65,000, 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 8th
day of July, 1933.

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 manufacturing and furnishing of all of the motor vehicle
license plates required by the state during the year 1934,
including labor and material, the regularity and validity
of which contract is hereby affirmed;

NOV, THEREFORE, if the principal shall faithfully
perform the contract so made, and shall pay to the state all
such damages as may accrue to it in consequence of any viola-
tion of the provisions thereof, and shall save the state harm-
less from all costs and charges that may accrue on account of
any act or omission of the contract in the execution of the
contract so made, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise
to remain in full force and effect.

(Corporate Seal)

The foregoing
examined and found to
to form and legality this 10 day of

July 1933

(Corporate Seal)

GOPHER STAMP & LIE CO.
Contractor

By Chas. Jensen
Vice President

W. Smith
Secretary

SEABOARD SURETY COMPANY
Surety

By David R. Arundel
Its Attorney-in-Fact

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Address Reply To Mike Holm
Secretary of State
Corporation Division

ST. PAUL

J. P. Bengtson
Asst. Secretary of State

July 6
1933

Commission of Administration and Finance
B U I L D I N G

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 2704, M. M. S. 1927, I published a call for proposals for the manufacture of the number plates required for the administration of the motor vehicle registration law for the calendar year of 1934. The attached copies of the call and the specifications are self-explanatory. At the appointed hour today the bids were received and opened. I forward them all to you herewith. They are, to-wit:

1. That by Shwayder Brothers, Inc. of Denver, Colorado together with their certified check No. 3969 for the amount of \$1,000.00 drawn on the Colorado National Bank of Denver, Colorado.
2. That by the Western Stamping and Manufacturing Company of Cleveland, Ohio together with their certified check No. 3314 for the amount of \$1,000.00 drawn on the Central United National Bank of Cleveland, Ohio.
3. That by the Gopher Stamp and Die Company of St. Paul together with their certified check No. 5162 for the amount of \$1,000.00 drawn on the American National Bank of St. Paul.

You will note that Shwayder Brothers, Inc. propose to furnish the plates as per the specifications at a price of 11-3/4 cents per pair.

The Western Stamping and Manufacturing Company of Cleveland propose to furnish the plates at prices as follows:

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Owners' Series A and B, Dealers, Truck, Bus
Tax Exempt, Snowmobile, Motorcycle and Trailer
at per plate- - - - - \$.0475

Duplicate Plates - at per plate - - - - - .053

No Vehicle Tax Plates - at per plate- - - - - .066"

The Gopher Stamp and Die, in their bid, propose to furnish
the plates at prices as follows:

"The undersigned propose and agree to furnish, in
strict accordance with specifications, Motor Vehicle
License Plates as required by the State of Minnesota
for the year 1934, at prices as follows:

"Series A, B, C, D, S, T, X, Y, Z	@.04680	each
Motor Cycle Plates	@.05	each
Tax Exempt Plates	@.06	each
Duplicate Plates	@.05	each
In Transit Plates	@.05	each
No Vehicle Tax Plates	@ .06	each

"If two coats of enamel are required add .00355 to the
above prices."

In view of the fact that the Gopher Stamp and Die Company
seem to have submitted the lowest bid and have performed
this service satisfactorily under similar contract in the
past, I recommend that the contract be awarded to them.

Kindly return the certified checks to the bidders when you
have done with them.

Yours very truly,

Mike Holm

SECRETARY OF STATE

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State of Minnesota
Commission of Administration and Finance

St. Paul

E. J. PEARLOVE, CHAIRMAN
COMPTROLLER
J. EARLE LAWLER
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

CARL R. ERICKSON
COMMISSIONER OF PURCHASES
J. C. STROUT
BUDGET COMMISSIONER AND
DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL

July 7th, 1934.

Republic Steel & Ice Co.,
Chicago Ave. & Custer St.,
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 Building, St. Paul, all of the motor vehicle license plates required by the State during the year 1934, as called for in the specific plans which accompanied the call for proposals dated June 15, 1934, at the prices and in accordance with your bid dated July 6, 1934.

These plates are to be manufactured of No. 14 U.S. gauge steel and to be enclosed in envelopes as specified. The cost of enamel besides that which makes the base of shall be applied to all of the plates and the plates to be furnished shall be fully equal to the sample submitted with your bid. Delivery to be made in the sub-basement of the State Capitol Building, St. Paul, the plates to be numerically piled as directed by the Registrar. The colors will be designated by the Registrar of State.

It is estimated that approximately 100,000 more of plates will be required during the year, consisting of regular 1/2, 3/4, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 3 1/2, 4, 4 1/2, 5, 5 1/2, 6, 6 1/2, 7, 7 1/2, 8, 8 1/2, 9, 9 1/2, 10, 10 1/2, 11, 11 1/2, 12, 12 1/2, 13, 13 1/2, 14, 14 1/2, 15, 15 1/2, 16, 16 1/2, 17, 17 1/2, 18, 18 1/2, 19, 19 1/2, 20, 20 1/2, 21, 21 1/2, 22, 22 1/2, 23, 23 1/2, 24, 24 1/2, 25, 25 1/2, 26, 26 1/2, 27, 27 1/2, 28, 28 1/2, 29, 29 1/2, 30, 30 1/2, 31, 31 1/2, 32, 32 1/2, 33, 33 1/2, 34, 34 1/2, 35, 35 1/2, 36, 36 1/2, 37, 37 1/2, 38, 38 1/2, 39, 39 1/2, 40, 40 1/2, 41, 41 1/2, 42, 42 1/2, 43, 43 1/2, 44, 44 1/2, 45, 45 1/2, 46, 46 1/2, 47, 47 1/2, 48, 48 1/2, 49, 49 1/2, 50, 50 1/2, 51, 51 1/2, 52, 52 1/2, 53, 53 1/2, 54, 54 1/2, 55, 55 1/2, 56, 56 1/2, 57, 57 1/2, 58, 58 1/2, 59, 59 1/2, 60, 60 1/2, 61, 61 1/2, 62, 62 1/2, 63, 63 1/2, 64, 64 1/2, 65, 65 1/2, 66, 66 1/2, 67, 67 1/2, 68, 68 1/2, 69, 69 1/2, 70, 70 1/2, 71, 71 1/2, 72, 72 1/2, 73, 73 1/2, 74, 74 1/2, 75, 75 1/2, 76, 76 1/2, 77, 77 1/2, 78, 78 1/2, 79, 79 1/2, 80, 80 1/2, 81, 81 1/2, 82, 82 1/2, 83, 83 1/2, 84, 84 1/2, 85, 85 1/2, 86, 86 1/2, 87, 87 1/2, 88, 88 1/2, 89, 89 1/2, 90, 90 1/2, 91, 91 1/2, 92, 92 1/2, 93, 93 1/2, 94, 94 1/2, 95, 95 1/2, 96, 96 1/2, 97, 97 1/2, 98, 98 1/2, 99, 99 1/2, 100. For license and vehicle tax plates - price per plate 1.00 per 100.

Approximate amount of your contract - \$65,000.00

We enclose herewith contract on bond covering the above terms. Will you kindly sign all three copies of the contract and have the bond executed. AWARDING TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER. One copy will be to

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returned to you for your files. Be sure to notify your bonding company that all copies must be returned as some companies otherwise will retain a copy.

Yours very truly,

COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE



Commissioner of Purchases

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C.C. Hon. Mike Holm,
Secretary of State.

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GOPHER STAMP & DIE CO.
Embossed
Metal Signs and Markers
For
Streets-Highways-Railroads
License Plates Of All Kinds
Chicago Ave. & Custer St. St. Paul, Minn.

July 6, 1933.

Mr. Mike Holm,
Motor Vehicle Registrar,
State Capitol Building,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

The undersigned propose and agree to furnish, in strict accordance with specifications, Motor Vehicle License Plates as required by the State of Minnesota for the year 1934, at prices as follows:

Series A,B,C,D,S,T,X,Y,Z	@.04680	each
Motor Cycle Plates	@.05	each
Tax Exempt Plates	@.06	each
Duplicate Plates	@.05	each
In Transit Plates	@.05	each
No Vehicle Tax Plates	@.06	each

If two coats of enamel are required add .00355 to the above prices.

We can and will if necessary, give you twenty four hour service on additional and duplicate plates, as we have in the past and guarantee first class workmanship on all plates.

Attached to and forming a part of this bid is a certified check in the sum of \$1000.00

This order is acknowledged subject to our right, hereby reserved, to increase the prices contained herein to the extent of any increase in the cost of production caused by compliance with any Federal or State legislation or regulation hereafter Adopted or put into effect.

Respectfully submitted,
Gopher Stamp & Die Co.
Chas. J. Sersen
Vice Pres. & Treas.

All Agreements Are Contingent Upon Strikes, Accidents Or Other Delay Unavoidable Or Beyond Our Control, Stenographical And Clerical Errors Subject To Correction

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR MOTOR VEHICLE NUMBER PLATES.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 2704, U.L.S. 1927, notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned registrar of motor vehicles of the state of Minnesota, for furnishing motor vehicle number plates for use of the state in carrying out during the year 1934 provisions of the law relating to the registration and taxation of motor vehicles.

All proposals must be directed to the undersigned and deposited with him at the office of the secretary of state in the Capitol at the city of St. Paul prior to the hour of ten o'clock in the morning of the 6th day of July, 1933 at which time the proposals will be opened and the contract awarded by the Commission of Administration and Finance to the lowest and best bidder therefor, as the law provides. The right to reject any and all bids submitted is reserved.

There will be required approximately 700,000 pairs of plates, the exact number cannot be given, and bidders will specify the price per plate delivered.

Proposals shall be submitted for 24 U.S. gauge standard black steel, and shall be submitted for one or more coats of enamel dipped or sprayed, besides the coat necessary for the figures and other inscriptions, and such baking and other finishing that the contractor will guarantee the plates to meet the conditions required. All truck plates and other miscellaneous plates, except the automobile plates in the "A" and "B" series, must be delivered in the motor vehicle department and stacked in numerical order as directed by the registrar of motor vehicles on or before November 1, 1933, and all of the remaining plates, including automobile plates in the "A" and "B" series, must be delivered similarly not later than November 15, 1933.

Full specifications of the quality of materials, the size, enameling, stamping, and other details showing also the approximate number of plates of each class required, a statement of time and place for delivery, and other details are on file in the office of the secretary of state and may be examined there or a copy thereof will be furnished upon application to that officer.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check upon a State or National bank in the amount of \$1,000.00 or such less amount as is equal to 10% of the bid, payable to the state treasurer, the amount of such check to be forfeited to the state in case the successful bidder fails to enter into a contract and furnish bond within ten days after the award of the contract.

The successful bidder will be required to enter into a contract with the state for the manufacture and delivery of such plates, the form of such contract to be approved by the attorney general, and will be required to give a bond to the state with approved corporate surety in the amount of the contract price conditioned upon the faithful performance of the contract.

Dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, June 15, 1933.

MIKE HOLM

Registrar of Motor Vehicles

standard blast steel and shall be suitable for use in case of contact, dipped or sprayed, bonded and can necessary for the figures and other inscriptions, and such drilling and other finishing work. The contractor will guarantee the plates to meet the conditions required herein and all materials must be such that they will withstand the various physical and chemical tests usually required, and as ordered by the contractor. The plates shall be guaranteed to withstand hard usage and the elements for a term of one year, and each bidder will be required to submit with his bid samples of unfinished material to be used and also made up sample plates, and will be required to state in detail the character of the material, gauge of metal, number of coats of enamel, the process of manufacture, and the milling weight of the finished plates.

All materials and workmanship of plates furnished under the contract shall be first-class and fully equal to samples submitted with bid and shall be in every particular in strict accordance with these specifications.

GENERAL DESIGN - All plates are to be engraved (raised or cut-in), corners are to be rounded, edges are to be beaded or reinforced, a raised beading completely surrounding the plate 1/8 inch inside the edge. There must be a marked contrast between the numerals and the background of the plate.

DESIGN OF NUMERALS, SIGNS, MARKS, DIMENSIONS, AND SPACING PLATES - All numerals except "1" of the number of the plates shall be 1-1/4 inches wide. All numerals of the number on the plate shall be 3 inches high and of a 3/8 inch stroke. Between the thickest and thinnest parts of the number, except in the case of four figure numbers, there shall be a dash (-) 3/8 inch square. Between each figure of the number and between the three-dimensional dash and the figure on each side of it, there shall be at least 3/8 inch space, measured between the narrowest parts of adjacent figures.

At the left end of the plate, there shall be the letters "I I N" in letters arranged in a vertical column reading from the top down, each letter being 3/8 of an inch high and not so as to occupy proportionately the space at the right end of the plate. At the right end, half an inch from the margin of the plate, there shall be two holes, the vertical distance between which shall be 2-3/8 inches from center to center. At the left end of the plate, there shall be two holes, located 1/8 inch from the end of the plate and 2-3/8 inches apart, measured vertically from center to center. Each of the 4 holes shall be 3/16 of an inch in diameter. Half an inch below upper edge and also half an inch above the lower edge and proportionately spaced from ends of plate shall be two slots in no case more than 7 inches apart measured from center to center, 3/16 of an inch wide and 1-1/4 inches long, running horizontally.

DESIGN OF MOTORCYCLE PLATES - The motorcycle plates shall be 3 inches wide and 7 inches long. At the left end of the plate shall be the abbreviation "I I N" in letters arranged in a vertical column approximately 3 inches high reading from the top down; at the right end of the plate shall be the number "34", the digits arranged in a vertical column approximately 3 inches high, the "3" above the "4". The number of the plate shall be in figures approximately 3 inches high, arranged to read horizontally and to occupy the space between the aforesaid "I I N" and the "34". There shall be 1/8 of an inch hole at each of the four corners of the plate just inside the raised edge. Slightly below the upper edge and proportionately spaced from the ends of the plate, shall be 2 slots 3/16 of an inch wide and 1/2 inch long, running horizontally.

DESIGN OF REGULAR LICENSE PLATES - The design of the regular license plates shall be as follows: The license number shall be placed in the center of the plate in a vertical column reading from the top down, each letter being 5/8 of an inch high and spaced so as to leave at least a 1/8 inch space from the margin of the plate above, below, and to the right and from the margin marked on the left. There shall also be a dash (-) to distinguish the dealer's number from the license number by the same system of numbering as that proposed as outlined in the regular dealer's plates.

DESIGN OF LIMITED PLATES - The design of the limited plate shall be the same as that of the automobile and truck plates in every particular except that in the space at the left end, there shall be the number "2010" in 2 1/2 figures 5/8 of an inch high, arranged vertically to read from the top down, and proportionately spaced. Before the first figure of the license number of dealer's plates, there shall also be the letter "D" 3 inches high, 1-1/4 inches wide and of a 3/8 inch stroke.

DESIGN OF DUPLICATE PLATES - The design of duplicate plates shall be essentially the same except that the plate will be 5-1/2 inches wide so as to permit the word "DUPLICATE" to appear across the plate longitudinally above the numerals in characters 3/4 of an inch high. The lettering at the ends also will be somewhat larger than on the regular plates. At the left end of the duplicate plate, there shall be a corner letter 2-1/8 inches high and 1-1/4 inches wide of a 3/8 of an inch stroke, one 3/4 of an inch from the top margin of plate and at least 3/4 of an inch from the first numeral to the right. At the left end of the plate, there shall be the number "20" in figures 1 inch high, one 1/8 inch above the lower margin of the plate and proportionately spaced to occupy the space below the corner letter. At the right end of the plate there shall be the abbreviation "D I V" with letters arranged in a vertical column reading from the top down, each letter being 5/8 of an inch high and spaced so as to leave at least a 1/8 inch space from the margin of the plate above, below, and to the right and from the margin marked on the left.

DESIGN OF IN TRANSIT PLATES - The design of "IN TRANSIT" plates shall be substantially the same as that of duplicate plates except that in place of the word "DUPLICATE" there shall appear the phrase "IN TRANSIT", on the "IN TRANSIT" plates also instead of the serial letter at the left end, there will appear the words "NEW CAR" in characters 3/4 of an inch high, arranged with the word "NEW" above the word "CAR", both words reading horizontally above the year numeral "34", which "34" shall be in figures 3/4 of an inch high.

DESIGN OF TAX EXEMPT PLATES - The design of the tax exempt plates shall be substantially the same as the design of the duplicate plate, except that instead of the word "duplicate" there will appear "TAX EXEMPT-33-6" and there will be no serial letter or numeral at the left end.

DESIGN OF TAX EXEMPT MOTORCYCLE PLATES - Tax exempt motorcycle plates shall be 7-1/2 inches long and 4 inches wide. As to punchings and beaded edges, they shall be substantially the same as the regular motorcycle plates. Arranged to read horizontally along the length of the plate there shall be the following inscriptions:

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TAX EXEMPT
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The "33" shall be in characters 1 inch high followed by the registration number in figures 1 inch high. The inscriptions "MINN-33-33" "TAX EXEMPT" shall be in characters 1/2 inch high.

PACKING - All automobile and truck plates shall be packed in pairs together with proper packing, one pair of plates in each envelope with a sheet of paper between the plates. The end flap enclosing the plate must be tucked in in every case so as to hold the plates in the envelope. The plates shall be packed in numerical order in cartons for delivery so that when the carton is opened and the plates turned out, they will stack up in numerical order with the lowest number on top. The cartons shall be of fibre board, made so as to open at the end, and in each

dimension that when placed within the plates will fill the space in the carton snugly in all directions. The plates shall be approved by the Secretary of State as to material, design, workmanship and other particulars before the packing begins. Each envelope shall be printed as directed by the Secretary of State and shall be numbered or stenciled with the same number as the plates contained in said envelope. Envelopes shall be as per sample attached, the same type and design as used in the past, and must be approved by the Secretary of State as to material, design, workmanship and other particulars before packing begins. The gluing of the card pocket on the envelope must be done carefully so that there will not be any run of glue that will cause an obstruction to allow up the inserting of the card. In other words, the gluing must be done with clean straight margins leaving only approximately 5-1/8 inch space to hold the 4-2/3 inch card. The flap of the pocket envelope must be folded back toward the open window of the pocket as it is in the sample of envelope attached. Motorcycle and trailer plates shall be packed in the same manner except that one plate only shall be enclosed in each envelope. The contractor will be required to protect the state against all claims for patent infringement including indemnity for all expenses incurred in resisting all claims of such patent right.

COLOR - The colors of the plates shall be as directed by the Secretary of State.

DIMENSIONS - The automobile (series A, B) truck (series T, K, Y) bus (series C) trailer (series Z) snowmobile (series S), and dealer's number plates shall be in sizes as follows:

For 1 or 2 numerals	4-1/2 inches wide and 7-1/2 inches long
For 3 numerals	4-1/2 inches wide and 9 inches long
For 4 numerals	4-1/2 inches wide and 10-1/8 inches long
For 5 numerals	4-1/2 inches wide and 11 inches long
For 6 numerals	4-1/2 inches wide and 12-1/2 inches long

Approximately 100 "Tax Exempt" plates numbered consecutively from 4001 to 4100. Definite order will be given when the manufacturer is ready to begin work.

500 pairs of series "A" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 500. 1,200 pairs of series "B" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 1,200. 100 pairs of series "C" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 100. 200 pairs of series "R" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 200. 25 single motorcycle duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 25. 50 single "S" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 50. 4 pairs of series "G" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 4. 12 pairs of series "T" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 12.

All of the above must be delivered on or before November 1, 1933. There will be required:

Approximately 50,000 pairs of series "A" automobile plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 50,000. Definite order will be given when manufacturer is ready to begin work.

400,000 pairs of series "B" automobile plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 400,000.

All of the series "A" and all of series "B" shall be delivered not later than November 15, 1933. All deliveries shall be made freight paid at the State Capitol at Saint Paul, Minnesota as directed by the secretary of state and arranged in numerical order and filed as directed by the secretary of state.

The secretary of state shall have the right to order additional quantities of any of the above classes of plates at such times and in such quantities as he may require for use during the term of the contract, and the additional plates so required must be supplied and delivered from time to time after January 1, 1934 as required upon ten days notice at the regular contract price. The secretary of state shall also have the right to order at the regular contract price additional quantities of plates as may be needed with a different series license and/or with a letter in

to the order of the Commission or its authorized representative, and the bidder shall be held responsible for the maintenance of such machinery and equipment capable of turning out at least 1,000 plates per hour, giving the name and place of location of such plant, or in case the bidder is not a manufacturer of such plates, he must state in his proposal that he has entered into a contract with a manufacturer who in the name or behalf of a plant of similar capacity, giving the name, place, and capacity of such plant, to furnish and deliver upon the order the number of plates specified by these specifications, and such contract shall be as full as possible. In his proposal the statements of such manufacturer to the effect that he has entered into such contract with the bidder and that in the event the contract is awarded to such bidder, the manufacturer will deliver upon his order the required number of plates in accordance with these specifications in fulfillment of the contract so to be entered into.

The Commission reserves the right before awarding the contract to visit the factory in which it is proposed to manufacture the plates herein required and investigate the facilities and equipment of such plant and to reject such bid unless satisfied that the bidder will be able promptly to comply with the terms of the proposed contract, and the right is reserved generally to the Commission to reject any and all bids.

In passing on the bids submitted not only the cost in money will be considered, but also the durability, resistance, and general appearance of the plates, as well as the ability of the bidder to perform his agreements promptly and faithfully if awarded the contract.

Time is of the essence of the proposed contract for the manufacture and delivery of these plates, and if the contractor shall fail to make delivery of any specified quantity of plates within the time required by these specifications, the same shall be deemed to be damaged by such

