

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

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

The state, through its commissioner of administration, herein
called the commissioner, 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 1941,
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 duly submitted its proposal, dated
June 26, 1940, for the furnishing of such plates, at the prices stated
therein, at a total estimated cost of approximately \$89,422.47.

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 specifica-
tions, the proposal of the contractor, and the award of the contract
by the commissioner acting through the Director of Purchases, copies
of which proposal 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.

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

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The contractor herewith shall give bond to the state with corporate surety acceptable to the commissioner in the amount of \$89,422.47, 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 head of the Department of State and approved by the commissioner of administration or his delegated agents, together with the certification of the Auditor hereon that the appropriation and allotment have been encumbered for the full amount of the contract liability herein, and when signed in behalf of the contractor by its proper officers under its corporate seal.

Dated this 28th day of June, 1940.

Available funds have been encumbered this day for the full amount of contract liability.

STATE AUDITOR


Authorized Signature

JUL 23 1940

Date

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Dept.

By

W. H. H. H.
Secretary of State
Title

APPROVED:

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

By

M. S. Cooper
Director of Purchases
Title

CONTRACTOR

(CORPORATE SEAL)

Gopher Stamp and Die Company
Contractor

By

G. W. Smith
Vice President

Chas. Jensen
Secretary

Approved as to form of execution this 19 day of July, 1940.

ATTORNEY GENERAL, State of Minnesota

By

John A. Weeks
Asst Atty Gen.
Title

Charge to the account of

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	ORDINARY
DAY LETTER	URGENT RATE
SERIAL	DEFERRED
NIGHT LETTER	NIGHT LETTER
SPECIAL SERVICE	SHIP RADIOGRAM

Patrons should check class of service desired, otherwise the message will be transmitted as a telegram or ordinary cablegram.

WESTERN UNION

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ACCOUNTING INFORMATION
TIME FILED

R. B. WHITE
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

JULY 11, 1943 - PM 2:15

URGENT
JOHN A. ROYAL CO.
517 CONGRESS BLDG.
ST. PAUL, MINN.

FOR MAY INVOICE \$39.42 DUE FOR CORNER STAND AND
SEE COMPANY TO THE CHAIR OF NEW YORKA GOVERNMENT CONTRACT
FOR AUTOMOBILE LICENSE PLATES.

WESTERN UNION COMPANY

DAN REIDY, PRESIDENT

COPY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, Gopher Stamp and Die Company, a Delaware corporation, as principal, and

Western Surety Company
of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, a corporation, as surety, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Minnesota in the amount of \$59,422.47, 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 28th day of June, 1940.

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 1941, 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 to the state all such damages as may accrue to it in consequence of any violation of the provisions thereof, 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 contract so made, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

CONTRACTOR

GOPHER STAMP AND DIE COMPANY
Name of Company

(CORPORATE SEAL)

Whereof and examined and approved as
to form and execution this 19 day of July, 1940.
J. A. A. BURNQUIST,
Attorney General.

G. W. Smith
Vice President

Chas. Beren
Secretary

(CORPORATE SEAL)

By John A. Weeks
Assistant Attorney General

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY
Surety

Marcus J. Rogers
Attorney-in-fact
Marcus J. Rogers

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF

SS

On this 28th day of June, 1940, before me personally appeared G. W. Smith and Chas. J. Sersen, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn did say that they are the ^{vice} president and the secretary, respectively, of Gopher Stamp and Die Company, a Delaware corporation; that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation, and that said instrument was executed in behalf of said corporation by authority of the board of directors, and they acknowledge said instrument to be the free act and deed of the corporation.

B. N. GABALL
Notary Public, Ramsey County, Minn.
My commission expires February 4, 1945

B. N. Gaball
Notary Public, Ramsey County, Minn.
My commission expires Feb. 4, 1945

MEMORANDUM: The surety will attach the usual slip acknowledgment.

The within bond and the sureties thereon approved and bond filed

July 17, 1940.

Julius A. Schuch
STATE TREASURER
State Treasurer Deputy

1939-41

POWER OF ATTORNEY

No. MJR 427006

This power of attorney is not valid or in effect unless attached to the instrument to which it is attached. And the acknowledgment and execution of any such document by the said Marcus J. Rogers or Genevieve A. Rogers, in pursuance of these presents, shall be as binding upon said Company as fully and amply, to all intents and purposes as if such bond had been executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the said Company.

All authority hereby conferred shall expire and terminate without notice, at midnight on May 31, 1941 unless already terminated or prior to that time at the instant time as hereinafter provided.

The WESTERN SURETY COMPANY further certifies that the following is a true and exact copy of Section 6 of the By-Laws of the Western Surety Company, duly adopted and now in force, to-wit:

"Section 6. The President, Secretary or General Manager may appoint Attorneys-in-fact or agents who shall have authority to issue bonds, policies or undertakings in the name of the Company, subject to such rules and regulations as such officers may prescribe."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be executed by its President with its corporate seal affixed this

THIS COPY FOR

FILING PURPOSES ONLY

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY,

DAN KIRBY

President and General Manager.

June 28, 1940

Copper Stamp and Die Company
78 Chicago Avenue
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 Motor Vehicle Department in the State Capitol Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, all of the motor vehicle license plates required by the State during the year 1941, as called for in the specifications which accompanied the call for proposals dated June 4, 1940, at the prices and in accordance with your bid dated June 26, 1940, as follows:

		Unit Price	Total
Dealers' Plates	Approx. 3000 Pcs.	.1094	\$328.20
Motorcycle Dealers' Plates	" 0	.0847	.27
"In Granite" Plates	" 1400	.1094	153.16
Motorcycle Plates, Single	" 2300	.0847	128.81
Truck Plates	" 119,000 Pcs.	.1094	12934.00
"25" Trailer Plates, Single Series	" 24,000	.0847	1257.50
"22 1/2" Trailer Plates, Single Series	" 800	.0847	68.76
"22" Trailer Plates, Single Series	" 3500	.0847	120.61
"20 1/2" Trailer Plates, Single Series	" 1200	.0847	68.04
"21" Trailer Plates, Single Series	" 700	.0847	58.29
"8" Bus Plates	" 250 Pcs.	.1094	27.35
"4" Snowmobile Plates	" 200 Pcs.	.1094	21.88

June 23, 1940

Gopher Stamp and Die Company

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	Approx.	25 Pcs.	Unit Price	Total
"A" Duplicate Plates			.1094	\$ 2.74
Regular Duplicate Plates	"	2000 "	.1094	218.80
"B" Duplicate Plates	"	100 "	.1094	10.94
"C" Duplicate Plates	"	600 "	.1094	65.70
Motorcycle Duplicate Plates, Single	"	10	.0547	.55
"D" Duplicate Plates, Single	"	20	.0547	1.09
"E" Duplicate Plates, Single	"	5	.0547	.27
"F" Duplicate Plates, Single	"	25	.0547	1.37
"G" Duplicate Plates, Single	"	25	.0547	1.37
"H" Duplicate Plates, Single	"	10	.0547	.55
"I" Duplicate Plates	"	5 Pcs.	.1094	.55
"J" Duplicate Plates	"	200 "	.1094	21.88
"K" Duplicate Plates	"	10 "	.1094	1.09

Definite order of "Tax Exempt" plates and "No Tax" trailer plates will be given when the manufacturer is ready to begin work. "Tax Exempt" Plates

"No Tax" Trailer Plates

"A" Automobile Plates

Approx. 6000 Pcs.

.1094

.0547

.1094

675.20

Regular Automobile Plates

675,000 "

.1094

73618.00

Sub Total

\$80,422.47

Approximate amount of your contract \$80,422.47.

It is estimated that approximately 680,000 pairs of plates will be required during the year. These plates are to be manufactured of No. 24 U. S. gauge standard black steel and be enclosed in envelopes as specified. One or more coats of enamel dipped or sprayed, beside the cost necessary for the figures and other inscriptions and such baking and other finishing guaranteeing the plates to meet the conditions required, shall be applied to all plates, and the plates to be furnished shall be fully equal to sample submitted with your bid.

June 20, 1940

Capitol Stamp and Lio Company

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All truck plates and other miscellaneous plates, except the automobile plates in the "A" and "Regular" 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, 1940, and all of the remaining plates including automobile plates in "A" and "Regular" series must be delivered similarly not later than November 15, 1940.

Delivery is to be made in the sub-basement of the State Capitol Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, the plates to be numerically piled as directed by the Registrar. The colors will be designated by the Secretary of State.

To enclose herewith four copies of contract and bond and one copy of bond. Please sign all four copies of the contract and have the bond executed, ~~returning all copies to the UNITED FUM CORPORATION.~~ One copy will then be returned to you for your files. To give to notify your bonding company that all copies must be returned, as some companies otherwise will retain a copy.

Yours very truly,

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
DIVISION OF PURCHASES

M. S. Cooper
M. S. Cooper
Director of Purchases

RECORDED

NO

Enc. 4 Contract and Bond
1 Bond

CC: Hon. Clifford Hing
Hon. Elmo Hols

St. Paul, Minn.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
Division of PurchasesP.D. Req. No. 33987

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Date 6/6/40Department Motor Vehicle

Telephone: Cedar 3013

B I D

Dept. Req. No. 209

Dear Sir:

Advertising No. 413

Please submit bid ON THIS FORM, using the enclosed envelope, showing your lowest price, terms and earliest delivery date, on the items listed below. If you are unable to furnish same in accordance with our description, and desire to offer a substitute, please give full details and submit samples when practicable. Catalog references are descriptive but not restrictive, and indicate the quality desired. Show catalog references on the items you propose to furnish. Return one copy to us properly filled out with unit and total prices on each item and retain one copy for your files. Bids which total \$2000.00 or more must be accompanied by a certified check of at least 5% of the total bid unless otherwise specified. The state reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or parts of bids and to waive informalities therein. As provided by statute bids containing any alteration or erasure will be rejected. Bids made in pencil will be rejected. Sealed quotations must be received not later than 3:30 P M o'clock 6/26/40 at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the office of the Director of Purchases.

M. S. Cooper
Director of PurchasesMr. M. S. Cooper, Director of Purchases
Room 19, State Capitol, St. Paul, Minn.

In compliance with the above invitation for bids, and subject to all the conditions thereof, the undersigned offers, and agrees if this bid be accepted within _____ days from the date of the opening, to furnish delivered any or all of the items upon which prices are quoted, at the price set opposite each item.

Deliver to: Motor Vehicle Dept., State Capitol, St. Paul, Minn. Shipment _____ days. Terms _____
Discount offered for less than 30 days will not be considered in making award.

Item No.	Description of Article or Service	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	TOTAL
	Dealers' Plates	Approximately 3000 Prs.		.1094	328.20
	Motorcycle Dealers' Plates	5		.0547	.27
	"In Transit" Plates	1400		.1094	153.16
	Motorcycle Plates, Single	2300		.0547	125.81
	Truck Plates	110,000 Prs.		.1094	12034.00
	"Z" Trailer Plates, Single Series	25,000		.0547	1367.50
	"TZ" Trailer Plates, Single Series	600		.0547	43.76
	"XZ" Trailer Plates, Single Series	3300		.0547	180.51
	"YZ" Trailer Plates, Single Series	1200		.0547	65.64
	Check 1,000.00				
				Sum Total	\$89422.47

This is NOT a Purchase Order but a request for bid

Address St. Paul, Minn. Firm Name Gopher Stamp & Die CompanyDate 6-26-1940 Signature in ink Chas J Sorsen Title Vice Pres.

St. Paul, Minn.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
Division Of Purchases

P.D. Req. No. 33987Date 6/6/40Department Motor Vehicle

Telephone: Cedar 3013

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Dept. Req. No. 209Advertising No. 413

Item No.	Description of Article or Service	Quantity	Unit	Price	TOTAL
	"ZI" Trailer Plates, single series	Approximately 700		.0547	38.29
	"C" Bus Plates	250 Prs.		.1094	27.35
	"S" Snowmobile Plates	200 Prs.		.1094	21.88
	"A" Duplicate Plates	25 Prs.		.1094	2.74
	Regular Duplicate Plates	2000 Prs.		.1094	218.80
	"T" Duplicate Plates	100 Prs.		.1094	10.94
	"X" Duplicate Plates	500 Prs.		.1094	54.70
	Motorcycle Duplicate Plates, Single	10		.0547	.55
	"Z" Duplicate Plates, Single	20		.0547	1.09
	"TZ" Duplicate Plates, Single	5		.0547	.27
	"XZ" Duplicate Plates, Single	25		.0547	1.37
	"YZ" Duplicate Plates, Single	25		.0547	1.37
	"ZI" Duplicate Plates, Single	10		.0547	.55
	"C" Duplicate Plates	5 Prs.		.1094	.55
	"Y" Duplicate Plates	200 Prs.		.1094	21.88

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St. Paul, Minn.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
Division Of Purchases

B I D

P.D. Req. No. 33987

Department Motor Vehicle

Dept. Req. No. 209

Advertising No. 413

Item No.	Description of Article or Service	Quantity	Unit	Price	TOTAL
	"VII" Duplicate Plates	Approximately 10 Prs.		.1094	1.09
	Definite order of "Tax Exempt" plates and "No Tax" trailer plates will be given when the manufacturer is ready to begin work.			.1094	
	All of the above must be delivered on or before November 1, 1940.				
	"A" Automobile Plates	8,000 Prs.		.1094	875.20
	Regular Automobile Plates	675,000 Prs.		.1094	73845.00
	All of the series "A" and all of the Regular series plates shall be delivered not later than November 15, 1940. 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 piled as directed by the Secretary of State.				
	All Plates to be made as per specifications attached.				
					89422.47

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Address St. Paul, Minn.

Firm Name

Gopher Stamp & Die Company

Date 6-26-1940

Signature in ink

Chas J Serson

Title

Vice Pres.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

P. D. Reqn. No. 85007

Sealed proposals on the items required for the several departments, divisions, or agencies of the State of Minnesota hereinafter named, in accordance with the specifications on file in the Division of Purchases, will be received by Miles S. Cooper, Director of Purchases, State of Minnesota, in his office, 19 State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota, until the times hereinafter stated, respectively, and will then be publicly opened and read aloud. All bids should be made on forms on file in the office of the Director of Purchases, which will be supplied free to bidders upon application. Bids shall be rejected for any alteration or erasure. The right is reserved to accept or reject any or all bids or parts of bids and to waive informalities therein.

Bids are requested for the Department of Motor Vehicle
and sealed proposals therefor will be received until 5:30 P.M. on the 28th
day of June, 1940, on the following items:

**Approximately 600,000 pairs of license plates
for the year 1941 as per specifications on file
in the office of the Director of Purchases,
Room 10, State Capitol.**

Miles S. Cooper
Director of Purchases
Department of Administration

SPECIFICATIONS FOR
MOTOR VEHICLE NUMBER PLATES

MATERIAL AND WORKMANSHIP - 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 herein and all materials must be such that they will withstand the various physical and chemical tests usually required, and as ordered by the commission. 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 mailing 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 embossed (raised or outlined), corners are to be rounded, edges are to be beaded or reinforced, a raised beading completely surrounding the plates $1/8$ inch inside the edge. There must be a marked contrast between the numerals and the background of the plate.

DESIGN OF AUTOMOBILE, BUS, TRUCK, SNOWMOBILE, AND TRAILER PLATES - All numerals except "1" of the number of the plates shall be $1-3/16$ inches wide. All numerals of the number on the plates shall be 3 inches high and of a $5/16$ inch stroke. Between the thousandths and hundredths

digits of the number except in the case of four figure numbers, there shall be a dash () $\frac{5}{16}$ inch square. Between each figure of the number and between the aforementioned dash and the figure on each side of it, there shall be at least $\frac{7}{16}$ inch space, measured between the nearest points of adjacent figures. To indicate the class of registration other than the "Regular" passenger car the registration number shall be preceded by a letter, or letters, also 3 inches high and of same stroke as the digits of the registration number. Horizontally below the registration number there shall appear the word "MINNESOTA" and the number "1941" in characters $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch high, $\frac{5}{8}$ of an inch wide and of a $\frac{1}{8}$ inch stroke. 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 $4\frac{3}{8}$ inches from center to center. At the left end of the plate there shall be two holes, located $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the end of the plate and $4\frac{3}{8}$ inches apart, measured vertically from center to center. Each of the four holes shall be $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch in diameter. Half an inch below the 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, $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch wide and 1 inch long, running horizontally.

DESIGN OF MOTORCYCLE PLATES . The motorcycle plates shall be 3 inches wide and 7 inches long and shall be substantially the same design as the automobile plates. The numerals of registration number shall be $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches high, $\frac{7}{8}$ of an inch wide and of a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch stroke. At the left end of the plate there shall be the letters "M C" arranged with the letter "M" above the letter "C" in characters $\frac{1}{2}$ inch high, $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch wide and of a $\frac{1}{16}$ inch stroke, set to occupy the space proportionately to the left of the numerals. Lengthwise across the plate $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch above the lower edge shall appear "MINNESOTA 1941" in characters $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch high, approximately $\frac{5}{16}$ of an inch wide

and of a $1/16$ inch stroke. 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 $3/4$ of an inch long, running horizontally.

DESIGN OF MOTORCYCLE DEALERS PLATES - The design of the motorcycle dealers' plates will be the same as the design of the regular motorcycle plates, except that before the number, there will be the letter "D" of the same size as the figures of the license number, and between the parts of the number, there will be a dash (-) to distinguish the dealer's number from the plates' number by the same system of numbering as that purpose is achieved in the regular dealers' plates.

DESIGN OF DEALERS PLATES - The design of the dealers' plate shall be the same as that of the automobile and truck plates in every particular except that before the first figure of the license number of dealers' plates, there shall also be the letter "D" 3 inches high, $1-3/16$ inches wide and of a $5/16$ inch stroke.

DESIGN OF DUPLICATE PLATES - The design of duplicate plates shall be substantially the same as that of the automobile and truck plates, $5-5/8$ inches wide and 12 inches long. The word "DUPLICATE" shall appear before the numeral or series letter in characters approximately $1-1/2$ inches high and set proportionately in scroll in a space 3 inches high and $4-1/2$ inches long as follows:

DUPLICATE

DESIGN OF "IN TRANSIT" PLATES - The design of "In Transit" plates shall be substantially the same as that of the automobile and truck plates, 5 5/8 inches wide and 12 inches long. At the left end of the plate and set so as to occupy proportionately the space to the left of the license number or series letter, there shall appear the inscription

NEW CAR
IN
TRANSIT

in characters 3/4 of an inch high, approximately 1/2 inch wide and of a 1/8 inch stroke.

DESIGN OF TAX EXEMPT PLATES - The tax exempt plates shall be 5-1/2 inches wide and 12 inches long and have the same holes and slots as the automobile and truck plates. Lengthwise above the numerals there shall appear "TAX EXEMPT 39-41" in characters 3/4 of an inch high. At the right end of the plate there shall be the abbreviation "MINN" with the letters arranged in a vertical column reading from the top down, each letter being 5/8 of an inch high and set so as to occupy proportionately the space at the right end of the plate. There will be no serial letter or numeral at the left end of the plate.

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:

MINN-39-41
TAX EXEMPT
MC

The "MC" shall be in characters 1 inch high followed by the registration number in figures 1 inch high. The inscriptions "MINN-39-41" "TAX EXEMPT" shall be in characters 1/2 inch high.

DESIGN OF "NO TAX" TRAILER PLATES. The size of "No Tax" trailer plates shall be approximately 5 $\frac{5}{8}$ inches wide and 12 inches long with the same size and arrangement of holes and slots as in the automobile and truck plates. Lengthwise along the top of the plate, $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch below the upper edge, shall appear the inscription "NO TAX 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ TON GROSS WT" and lengthwise below the registration number and $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch above the lower edge shall appear the inscription "2 Wheel MINNESOTA Trailer". The numerals and all capital letters shall be $\frac{5}{8}$ of an inch high and the lower case letters shall be $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch high, and all letters shall be of a $\frac{1}{16}$ inch stroke. The numerals of the registration number shall be 2- $\frac{1}{4}$ inches high and 1- $\frac{1}{8}$ inches wide except the numeral "1" and of a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch stroke. Between the thousandths and hundredths digits of the number, except in the case of four figure numbers, there shall be a dash (-) $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch square. Between each figure of the number and between the aforementioned dash and the figure on each side of it there shall be at least $\frac{5}{16}$ of an inch space, measured between the nearest points of adjacent figures. At the left end of the plate approximately $\frac{7}{8}$ of an inch from the margin shall be the number "39" and at the right end of the plate $\frac{7}{8}$ of an inch from the margin shall be the number "41" in figures $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch high and of a $\frac{1}{8}$ inch stroke. $\frac{5}{16}$ of an inch below and above the numbers "39" and "41" shall be a bar of the same width as the two numbers and of a $\frac{1}{8}$ inch stroke, to appear as follows:

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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 face 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 such dimensions that when filled with plates the plates will fill the whole space in the carton snugly in all dimensions. The carton shall be approved by the Secretary of State as to material, design, workmanship and other particulars before the packing begins, including materials used in sealing the cartons. The glue used must be one that will not crystalize so as to leave sharp edges that will cut the hands that handle the cartons after opening. 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. Copy will be furnished after contract is awarded and proof must be approved by the Secretary of State before envelopes are printed. 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 paper of which the envelope is made must be of a strength guaranteed to withstand the handling in the shipping room necessary in inserting the registration card. 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 slow 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. Finished sample must be approved as to gluing and all other particulars before manufacturer begins. 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. An appropriate paper separator sheet between the two plates of each pair shall be printed with copy supplied by the Secretary of State.

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

DIMENSIONS - The automobile (Regular and Series A) truck (series T, X, Y, YI), bus (series C), trailer (series Z, ZI), snowmobile (series S), and dealers number plates shall be approximately 5-5/8 inches wide and of lengths as follows.

For 1 or 2 numerals and two series letters 7-5/8 inches

For 1,2 or 3 numerals and one series letters 7-5/8 inches

For 1,2,3 or 4 numerals and no series letters 7-5/8 inches

For 3 numerals and two series letters 10 inches

For 4 numerals and one series letter 10 inches

For 5 numerals and no series letter 10 inches

For 4 numerals and two series letters 12 inches

For 5 numerals and one series letter 12 inches

For 6 numerals and no series letter 12 inches

On plates 7-1/2 inches long, the word "MINNESOTA" shall be abbreviated and the inscription shall read "MINN-1941". The dash (-) shall be 1/4 of an inch long and 1/8 of an inch wide.

On plates 10 inches long, letters and numerals of the inscription "MINNESOTA 1941" shall be the same size as shall be on the 12 inch plates but they may be set slightly closer together to permit using the full inscription.

The successful bidder shall submit fully finished samples of the various classes and sizes of plates for final approval by Secretary

of State before starting work on contract.

QUANTITIES AND DELIVERIES - There will be required:

Approximately 3000 pairs dealers' plates divided into approximately 1500 sets of plates, each set to be numbered consecutively as required, for example, D 1-1, D 1-2, D 1-3, for the first set; D 2-1, D 2-2, D 2-3 for the second set, and so on, the first number being the same on each pair of each dealers' set, definite order as to number of plates in each set to be given by registrar before manufacture of dealers' plates begins.

5 Motorcycle Dealers' plates numbered consecutively D 1-1, D 2-1, D 3-1, and so on up to and including D 5-1, i.e. enough plates to give one each to five different dealers.

Approximately 1400 "In Transit" plates, 1200 of which shall be numbered consecutively from 1 to 1200, and 200 of which shall have the letter "F" before the numeral so as to be numbered F 1, F 2, F 3, etc. up to F 200. Definite order for "In Transit" plates will be given before manufacture of plates begins.

2300 single motorcycle plates to be numbered consecutively from 1 to 2300.

A total of approximately 110,000 pairs of truck plates will be required, including a "T" series, an "X" series, a "Y" series and a "ZI" series each numbered consecutively from 1 and up. Definite order will be given when manufacturer is ready to begin work.

25,000 single series "Z" trailer plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 25,000.

800 single series "TZ" trailer plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 800.

3300 single series "XZ" trailer plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 3300.

1200 single series "YZ" trailer plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 1200.

700 single series "ZI" trailer plates numbered consecutively

from 1 to 700.

250 pairs of series "G" bus plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 250.

200 pairs of series "S" snowmobile plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 200.

Definite order of "Tax Exempt" plates and "No Tax" trailer plates will be given when the manufacturer is ready to begin work.

25 pairs of series "A" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 25. 2000 pairs of Regular series duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 2000. 100 pairs of series "T" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 100. 500 pairs of series "X" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 500. 10 single motorcycle duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 10. 20 single "Z" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 20. 5 single "TZ" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 5. 25 single "XZ" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 25. 25 single "YZ" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 25. 10 single "ZI" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 10. 5 pairs of series "G" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 5. 200 pairs of series "Y" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 200. 10 pairs of series "YI" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 10.

All of the above must be delivered on or before November 1, 1940. There will be required:

Approximately 8,000 pairs of series "A" automobile plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 8,000. Definite order will be given when manufacturer is ready to begin work.

675,000 pairs of Regular series automobile plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 675,000.

All of the series "A" and all of the Regular series plates

shall be delivered not later than November 15, 1940. 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 piled 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 time 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, 1941 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 letter and/or with a letter in place of any numeral and/or a numeral in place of any letter.

Every bidder will be required to state in his proposal that he is the owner or lessee of a suitable manufacturing plant equipped with suitable machinery for the manufacture and production of such plates, and capable of turning out at least 5,000 pairs of plates per day, 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 is the owner or lessee of a plant of similar capacity, giving the name, place, and capacity of such plant, to furnish and deliver upon his order the number of plates required by these specifications, and must enclose with and submit as part of his proposal the statement 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, workmanship, 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 State shall be deemed to be damaged by such failure of delivery, and the amount of such damage is hereby fixed and agreed upon in advance as liquidated damages, and not as a penalty, and a deduction will be made from the contract price accordingly, and the contract will so provide, that is to say, for each day's delay, Sundays and holidays excepted, until such satisfactory delivery shall have been made of the plates as herein provided at the rate of $\frac{1}{3}$ of 1 per cent of the contract price, but not to exceed in all ten per cent thereof.

No liquidated damages shall be deducted for such period after the expiration of the time prescribed for delivery, as in the judgment of the Commission, shall equal the time, that either in the beginning or in the prosecution of the deliveries contracted for shall have been lost on account of strikes, riots, fires, or other disasters, delays in transit for delivery on the part of the transportation company, or any other circumstance beyond the control of the contractor; but the question whether delays are due to the

causes herein specified shall be determined by the Commission and its determination thereof shall be conclusively binding on the contractor. The contract will contain the provision that if the contractor shall fail in any respect to perform the contract, the State, at the option of the Commission may rescind, and declare it null and void, and the Commission may purchase or procure such plates in such manner and from such person or persons as it deems proper, paying such prices therefor as may be necessary in order to procure such said articles or materials of the kind as nearly as practicable, as the contractor shall fail to deliver as required, and may charge to, demand and recover from the contractor the difference between the price so paid therefor and the price stipulated in the contract, and the amount of such difference shall be paid by the contractor to the State on demand.

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