

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 1937 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 June 26, 1936, for the furnishing of such plates, at the prices stated therein at a total estimated cost of approximately \$74,000.

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.

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 \$74,000, 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 June 30, 1936.

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA  
By Commission of Administration  
and Finance.

Phil Sundby  
Commissioner of Purchases

(Corporate Seal)

GOPHER STAMP & DIE COMPANY  
Contractor

By James M. Watson  
President  
W. G. Smith  
Secretary

COMPTROLLER'S CERTIFICATE

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

St. Paul, Minn.

7-1-36

E. J. Pearson  
COMPTROLLER.  
*E. J. Pearson*

The foregoing.....  
..... examined and approved as  
to form and legality this July 10 day of

HARRY H. PETERSON  
Attorney General

W. G. Smith  
Secretary

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, Gopher Stamp & Die Company, a Delaware corporation, as principal, and SEABOARD SURETY COMPANY of New York, a corporation, as surety, are hold and firmly bound unto the State of Minnesota in the amount of \$74,000, 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 30th day of June, 1936.

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 1937, 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 of 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.

(Corporate Seal)

GOPHER STAMP & DIE COMPANY  
Contractor

By James M. Waters  
President

The foregoing  
examined and approved as  
to form and legality this 30th day of June

HARRY H. PETERSON  
Attorney General

W. G. Smith  
Secretary

(Corporate Seal)

By Seaboard Surety Company  
Surety

by W. C. Crowder  
Attorney-in-fact

by Janet L. McGuire  
Attorney-in-fact

STATE OF MINNESOTA )  
 ) SS  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN )

On this 30th day of June, 1936, before me appeared James M. Waters and W. G. Smith, who being by me duly sworn did say that they are respectively the president and the secretary of Gopher Stamp & Die Company, a corporation; that the seal affixed to the foregoing bond is the corporate seal of the corporation and that said bond was executed in behalf of the corporation by authority of its board of directors; and they also acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of the corporation.

*Janet L. McGuire*  
Notary Public, Henn. Co., Minn.  
My commission expires 1/16/1938  
Janet L. McGuire

(The corporate surety will attach the usual slip acknowledgment).

The within bond and the sureties thereon approved and bond filed

STATE OF MINNESOTA }  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN } ss:

On this 30th day of June, 1936

before me personally appeared Eric A. Monroe & Janet L. McGuire with whom I am personally acquainted, who, being by me duly sworn, said; that he resides in the city of Minneapolis, County of Hennepin; that he is the Attorney-in-Fact of the SEABOARD SURETY COMPANY, the corporation described in and which executed the foregoing instrument; that he knows the corporate seal of the said Company; that the seal affixed to said instrument is such corporate seal; that said instrument was executed in behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors and that he signed his name thereto as Attorney-in-Fact by like authority; and said Eric A. Monroe & Janet L. McGuire acknowledges said instrument to be the free act and deed of said Company, and that the liabilities of the said Company do not exceed its assets, as ascertained in the manner provided in Chapter 33, of the Laws of 1909 constituting Chapter 28 of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York, and known as the Insurance law.

*Myrtle T. Miller*  
Notary Public, Hennepin County, Minn.  
Myrtle T. Miller

My commission expires January 10, 1943.

SEAL

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Motor Vehicle Department

Mike Holm  
Secretary of State

ST. PAUL

J. P. Bengtson  
Asst. Secretary of State

June 26, 1936

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

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 2704, MMS 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 1937. 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 to you herewith. They are, to-wit:

1. That by the Gopher Stamp & Die Company of St Paul, Minnesota, together with their certified check No. 7879 for \$1,000., drawn on the American National Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota.
2. That by the S G Adams Company of St. Louis, Missouri, together with their certified check No. 6035 for \$1,000., drawn on the 1st National Bank, St. Louis.
3. That by the National Colortype Co., Inc., of Bellevue, Kentucky, together with their certified check No. 17826 for \$1,000., drawn on the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.
4. That by the Brimm Stamp & Badge Co., of St. Louis, Missouri. No check accompanied this bid.



June 29, 1936.

Gopher Stamp & Die Company,  
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 1937, as called for in the specifications which accompanied the call for proposals dated May 26, 1936, at the prices and in accordance with your bid dated June 26, 1936.

These plates are to be manufactured of No. 24 U.S. gauge steel and to be enclosed in envelopes as specified. One coat of enamel besides that which makes the letters shall be applied to all 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 Secretary of State.

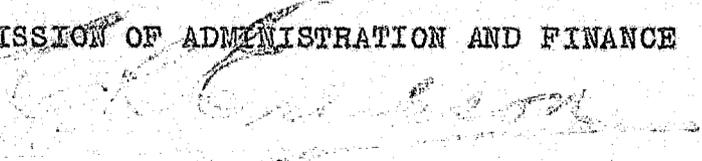
It is estimated that approximately 740,000 pairs of plates will be required during the year, consisting of Series A, B, C, D, S, T, X, Y, Z, price per plate \$.0497. Motorcycle, Duplicate and In Transit Plates, price per plate \$.05 each. Tax Exempt and No Vehicle Tax Plates - price per plate \$.06 each.

Approximate amount of your contract . . . . . \$74,000

We enclose herewith contract and bond covering the above award. Will you kindly sign all three copies of the contract and have the bond executed, RETURNING ALL COPIES TO THIS DEPARTMENT FOR COMPLETION HERE. One copy will then be 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



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

Commissioner of Purchases

TELEPHONE RIVERVIEW 0388

GOPHER STAMP & DIE COMPANY  
Manufacturers of HIGHWAY MARKERS - TRAFFIC SIGNS - LICENSE PLATES  
CHICAGO AVE. & CUSTER ST.  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

June 26, 1936

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

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 1937, at prices as follows:

Series A, B, C, D, S, T, W, Y, Z	@. . . . .0497	each	Luminous Paint	@. . . . .10	each
Motor Cycle Plates	@. . . . .05	each		@. . . . .10	each
Tax Exempt Plates	@. . . . .06	each		@. . . . .11	each
Duplicate Plates	@. . . . .05	each		@. . . . .10	each
In Transit Plates	@. . . . .05	each		@. . . . .10	each
No Vehicle Tax Plates	@. . . . .06	each		@. . . . .11	each

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

Considered too, and a part of this bid is the following information as required in your specification:

We are the sole owners of a factory located at Chicago Avenue and Custer Street, in the City of St. Paul, Minnesota, and are equipped to turn out at least 5,000 pairs of Motor Vehicle License Plates per day, complete and ready for shipment.

The mailing weight of license plates called for in specification is as follows:

Size	Weight
7" Tags	7 oz. Per Pair
9" Tags	9 oz. Per Pair

All Agreements Are Contingent Upon Strikes, Accidents or Other Delay Unavoidable or Beyond Our Control. Stenographical and Clerical Errors Subject to Correction.

Mr. Mike Holm,  
Saint Paul

June 26, 1936  
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Size	Weight
10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Tags	11 oz. Per Pair
12 $\frac{7}{8}$ " Tags	13 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Per Pair
14" Tags	15 oz. Per Pair

The price on additional plates ordered shall be the same as previously mentioned.

As to delivery on additional and duplicate plates, we can and will if necessary, give you twenty-four hour service 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 amount of \$1,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,

GOPHER STAMP & DIE COMPANY

(Signed)

Chas. J. Sersen

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Enc.

Chas. J. Sersen  
Vice President & Treasurer

The successful bidder shall be required to enter into a contract with the state for the manufacture and delivery of such planes, the terms 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.

Plans shall be submitted on or before the 15th day of June, 1933, and shall be submitted in duplicate, one copy to be retained by the state and the other copy to be retained by the bidder. The plans shall be submitted in duplicate, one copy to be retained by the state and the other copy to be retained by the bidder.

Plans shall be submitted on or before the 15th day of June, 1933, and shall be submitted in duplicate, one copy to be retained by the state and the other copy to be retained by the bidder.

Proposals shall be submitted for 1000 planes, 500 of which shall be of the type specified, and shall be submitted for and on the basis of overall dimensions specified, within the size necessary for the engine and other accessories, and such weight and other specifications that the contractor will guarantee the ability to meet the specifications specified. Plans shall be submitted on or before the 15th day of June, 1933, and shall be submitted in duplicate, one copy to be retained by the state and the other copy to be retained by the bidder.

Full specifications of the quality of materials, the size, quantity, shipping, and other details showing also the approximate number of planes of each class required, a statement of bid and plans for delivery, and other details are on file in the office of the secretary of state and may be examined there or a copy taken will be furnished upon application to that office.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check upon a state or national bank in the amount of \$1,000.00 or cash loan on and no to 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 planes, the terms 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, May 26, 1933.

WILLIAM H. HARRIS

Secretary of State

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF PLATES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF AUTOMOBILES

GENERAL DESIGN - Proposals shall be submitted for all designs on standard sheet steel and shall be submitted for use by some means of being dipped or covered, besides the work necessary for the figures and other inscriptions, and such other and other finishing that the contractor will guarantee the plates to meet the conditions required above. The materials shall be such that they will withstand the various physical and chemical tests usually required, and as ordered by the organization. Proposals shall also be submitted for plates of the foregoing materials with luminous crystal finish or other reflector material added to the enamel of the figures and other inscriptions that will reflect light so as to be luminous at night by reflecting light that strikes it. 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 copies of unaltered material to be used and also make 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 finishing 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 enameled (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 AUTOMOBILES, BUS, TRUCK, MOTORCYCLE, AND TRAILER PLATES - All numerals except "1" of the number of the plates shall be 1-1/4 inch wide. All numerals of the number on the plates shall be 5 inches high and of a 3/8 inch stroke. Between the numerals and between the digits of the number, except in the case of four figure numbers, there shall be a dash 1-1/8 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 a 3/8 inch space, measured between the nearest outside of adjacent figures.



number of dealer's plates...  
plate will be the same as the dealer's plate...  
except that before the word "DEALER" there shall be the number...  
also as the design of the regular license plates...  
the number, there shall be a dash (-) or hyphen...  
from the United States by the same system of numbering...  
admitted in the regular dealer's plates.

DESIGN OF REGULAR PLATES - The design of the regular plates 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 "1937" in figures 5/8 of an inch high, arranged vertically, commencing 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 substantially the same except that the plate will be 4-1/2 inches wide so as to permit the word "DUPLICATE" to appear across the plate lengthwise 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 serifed letter 2-1/2 inches high and 1-1/4 inches wide of a 3/8 of an inch stroke, and 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 "37" in figures 1 inch high, not 1/2 inch above the lower margin of the plate and proportionately spaced to occupy the space below the serifed letter. At the right end of the plate there shall be the abbreviation "I I D" with letters arranged in a vertical column reading from the top down, each letter being 3/8 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 nearest numeral on the left.

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The "TOP" shall be in characters 2 inch high followed by the registration  
number in Figures 1 inch high. The identification "1943-26-33" shall  
shall be in characters 1/2 inch high.

PACKING - All automobile and truck plates shall be packed in pairs to-  
gether after 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 cartons are opened and the plates taken out, they will stack  
up in numerical order with the lowest number at the top. The cartons  
shall be of fibre board, made so as to open at the top, and in such

...the envelope must be done carefully so that there is no gap that will cause an obstruction to flow to the inlet of the carb. In other words, the gluing must be done with clean straight margins leaving only approximately 1/16 inch space to hold the 1/16 inch carb. Standard sample must be approved as to gluing and all other particulars before manufacture begins. The flap of the pocket envelope must be folded back toward the open mouth of the pocket as it is in the sample of envelope attached. Motorcycle and trailer plates shall be pocketed 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 resolving all claims of such patent right.

Colors - The colors of the plates shall be as directed by the secretary of state.

Dimensions - The dimensions (series A, B) truck (series I, E, X, R), bus (series C) trailers (series 2) and mobile (series 3), and Colorado number plates shall be in sizes as follows:

- For 1 and 2 axles 4 1/2 inches wide and 12 1/2 inches long
- For 3 axles 4 1/2 inches wide and 12 inches long
- For 4 axles 4 1/2 inches wide and 12 inches long
- For 5 axles 4 1/2 inches wide and 12 inches long
- For 6 axles 4 1/2 inches wide and 12 inches long





The following series of plates are to be prepared:

- 100,000 pairs of series "1" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 100,000.
- 100,000 pairs of series "2" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 100,000.
- 100,000 pairs of series "3" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 100,000.
- 100,000 pairs of series "4" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 100,000.
- 100,000 pairs of series "5" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 100,000.
- 100,000 pairs of series "6" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 100,000.
- 100,000 pairs of series "7" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 100,000.
- 100,000 pairs of series "8" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 100,000.
- 100,000 pairs of series "9" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 100,000.
- 100,000 pairs of series "10" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 100,000.
- 100,000 pairs of series "11" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 100,000.
- 100,000 pairs of series "12" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 100,000.
- 100,000 pairs of series "13" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 100,000.
- 100,000 pairs of series "14" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 100,000.
- 100,000 pairs of series "15" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 100,000.
- 100,000 pairs of series "16" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 100,000.
- 100,000 pairs of series "17" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 100,000.
- 100,000 pairs of series "18" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 100,000.
- 100,000 pairs of series "19" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 100,000.
- 100,000 pairs of series "20" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 100,000.

All of the above must be delivered or received on or before November 1, 1936. There will be no return.

Approximately 50,000 pairs of series "1" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 50,000.

500,000 pairs of series "2" duplicate plates numbered consecutively from 1 to 500,000.

All of the series "1" and all of the series "2" shall be delivered not later than November 17, 1936. All other series shall be ready for delivery at the date specified in the order. It is the responsibility of the purchaser to provide the necessary of plates and materials in the order. The plates shall be received by the secretary of the department.





THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF [illegible]  
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