HEALTH, Dept. of: Legality of contract for architectural services in construction of dormitory at Federal Soldiers' Home at St. James, Missouri. May 26, 1950 Honorable Samuel Marsh, Director Department of Public Health & Welfare State Office Building Jefferson City, Missouri Dear Mr. Marsh: This is in reply to your request for our opinion as to the legality of a contract for architectural services between the Department of Public Health and Welfare of the State of Missouri and Gentry and Voskamp, Architects, of Kansas City, Missouri, in connection with the construction of a dormitory building for male veterans at the Federal Soldiers Home at St. James, Missouri. We find the contract to be in such form as to bind the parties thereto, but suggest the following: (1) On page 2 under Clause IV the last word of the first line of the second paragraph should read "bending" instead of "bonding." This correction may be made on the contract if initialed by the parties. (2) On page 3 under Clause IX it is noted that the second paragraph relating to the employment of a clerk-of-the-works is lined out indicating that it is not applicable to this contract. Again we suggest that the initials of the parties be placed beside the lined out material. (3) On page 4 under Clause X the blank space which should contain the budget amount for the project has not been filled in. This should be done before the contract is signed. After the above matters have been corrected, we believe that the contract will be in sufficient form. Yours very truly, JOHN R. BATY Assistant Attorney General JRB: VLM