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STATE OF MAINE

REPORT

OF THE

ATTORNEY GENERAL

for the calendar years
1951 - 1954

repair or construction of buildings the total cost of which exceeds \$3000, ultimately formal contracts be executed. We cannot overestimate the solemnity involved when parties undertaking an agreement affix their signatures to an instrument under seal, said instrument crystallizing all that the agreement previously set out, and for that reason we recommend that such formal contracts be made.

JAMES G. FROST
Assistant Attorney General

December 3, 1951

To Irving W. Russell, Superintendent of Public Buildings
Re: Advertising for Bids

Your letter of November 7, 1951, relative to advertising for bids has been received by this office.

Section 44 of Chapter 14, R. S. 1944, states:

"The trustees, commissioners, or other persons in charge of such construction (involving a total cost of more than \$3000) shall advertise for sealed proposals not less than 2 weeks in such papers as the governor and council may direct; . ."

Your question is: "Are we definitely tied down in advertising of newspapers or can we also advertise with the F. W. Dodge Corporation, commonly known as the Dodge Reports, whose services are subscribed to by the contractors throughout the industry?"

It is our opinion that you may extend your advertising to include advertising in the Dodge Reports, with the approval of the Governor and Council. While newspapers are the common medium for such advertising, in the face of the fact that advertising in the Dodge Reports will reach more contractors, we feel that, though you may not limit advertising to such Reports, you may include them, along with your newspaper advertising, as the medium which you will use.

JAMES G. FROST
Assistant Attorney General

December 4, 1951

To Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer of State
Re: Chapter 201, P&SL 1951

We have your memo of November 8, 1951, relative to Chapter 201 of the Private and Special Laws of 1951.

You quote that portion of Article IX, Section 14, Constitution of Maine, which states:

"The credit of the State shall not be loaned in any case."

You then ask: "The Economic Advisory Committee asks the Attorney General if, after considering the above limitation, in his opinion, the state could legally issue the \$27,000,000.00 in bonds authorized by the 95th Legis-