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Detail of Army officer as executive representative of contracting officer.

For each contract entered into under authority of this section the Secretary of War may detail an Army officer to duty, without additional compensation, as an executive representative of the contracting officer. The contract shall provide that the officer so detailed shall have the right to attend any meetings of the board of directors or other executive or administrative board or committee of any corporation, partnership, firm, or syndicate which is or may become a party thereto for the purpose of submitting propositions, propounding questions, and receiving information relative to any matter within the purview of the contract with the intent and for the purpose of safeguarding the interests of the United States, coordinating efforts, and promoting mutually beneficial relationships, and making decisions within the scope of his delegated authority and not in conflict with any provision of the contract.

Waiver of performance, etc., bond.

Acceptance of materials.

(c) In any project the contract for which is negotiated under authority of this section, the Secretary of War may waive the requirement of a performance and a payment bond and may accept materials required for any such project at such place or places as he may deem necessary to minimize insurance costs.

Annual report to Congress.

(d) The Secretary of War shall report annually to the Congress all contracts entered into under authority of this section, including the names of the contractors and copies of the contracts concerned, together with the amounts thereof.

Employment of outside corporations when advantageous to national defense.

SEC. 2. Whenever deemed by him to be advantageous to the national defense, and providing that in the opinion of the Secretary of War the existing facilities of the War Department are inadequate, the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to employ, by contract or otherwise, outside architectural or engineering corporations, firms, or individuals for the production and delivery of the designs, plans, drawings, and specifications required for the accomplishment of any public works or utilities project of the War Department without reference to the Classification Act of 1923 (42 Stat. 1488), as amended (5 U. S. C., ch. 13), or to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (41 U. S. C. 5). In no case shall the fee paid for any service authorized by this section exceed 6 per centum of the estimated cost, as determined by the Secretary of War, of the project to which such fee is applicable.

42 Stat. 1488.
5 U. S. C. §§ 661–674; Supp. IV, §§ 673, 673c.
R. S. § 3709.
41 U. S. C. § 5.
Fee limitation.

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[CHAPTER 512]

AN ACT

August 7, 1939
[S. 2574]
[Public, No. 310]

Authorizing the construction of a highway bridge across the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal at Saint Georges, Delaware.

Chesapeake and Delaware Canal.
Bridge authorized across, at Saint Georges, Del.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the War Department under the direction of the Secretary of War and supervision of the Chief of Engineers is hereby authorized and directed to construct a four-lane high-level fixed highway bridge across the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, at or near Saint Georges, Delaware, of such type, design, and clearances for navigation as are approved by the Chief of Engineers: *Provided*, That the State of Delaware shall furnish all lands, easements, and rights-of-way required for such bridge.

Proviso.
State to furnish requisite lands, etc.

Payment of construction cost.

SEC. 2. That the cost of constructing such four-lane bridge shall be paid from funds heretofore or hereafter appropriated for maintenance and improvement of river and harbor works.

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