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George W. Blake, Secretary
Arizona State Fair Commission
State Fairgrounds
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Blake:

We have your request for our opinion as follows:

"The Commission contemplates installing a portable lighting system for use in the arena and 5/8 mile automobile track. The desire is to so construct this portable lighting system that it can be transferred from the arena to the track and back again or transferred to any other site. * * * * The question involved upon which we desire an opinion from your office is this. Inasmuch as the estimated capital outlay will be in excess of \$2,500, would such an expenditure be classified under Code No. 720 or No. 600. The financial code classifies Code No. 720 as buildings and improvements and No. 600 as movable equipment. May we proceed in the expenditures of monies for parts, supplies and services without calling for bids and contracts."

While we are not too familiar with the code numbers used by the Auditor's office for their convenience, we believe that the improvements which you propose to make would be classified as No. 600, "movable equipment", for the reason that the installation will not be permanently attached to any building or other structure.

If the Fairground employees are going to do the work, there, of course, would be no occasion for advertising for bids, and it is further our opinion that if you are going to buy the supplies and material which will be installed by your own crew, even though the total cost of such supplies and material may

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exceed \$2,500, it would not be necessary to advertise for bids before the purchase. However, if more than one company makes or has for sale such supplies and material, we believe it would be advisable to send out letters asking for prices in the nature of informal requests for bids for the various items which you contemplate purchasing, before making a purchase.

Trusting this answers your inquiry, we are

Very truly yours,

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