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William A. Bugge, Washington's Director of Highways, today revealed that he has accepted a position as Executive Engineer with the Bechtel Corporation in San Francisco. Bugge's resignation, submitted to the Washington State Highway Commission yesterday (May 21, 1963), terminated 14 years as Washington State Director of Highways, a record length of service for that position.

In announcing his plans for the future Bugge said that his new position would include responsibilities relating to transportation, including transit and highways. This is the field in which he has spent most of his professional life.

The Bechtel Corporation is an international engineering organization with offices in San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York, Houston and Washington, D. C. It also has principal offices in seven foreign capitals and project offices in many foreign countries on every continent in the world.

The Corporation is one of the World's largest industrial construction firms. It has specialized in the engineering and construction of industrial plants and in international supply and logistics and in the management of engineering and industrial enterprises, especially on an international basis. It has, over the past few years, strengthened and expanded its activities in the field of transportation.

Bugge became Highway Director on July 2, 1949 under the administration of Governor Arthur B. Langlie. During his term in office, the Department of Highways has gone through its greatest period of growth and activity. Construction activity has increased from approximately \$20 million annually in 1949 to an estimated \$70 million plus in 1963. In 1960 an all-time high of \$76 million in construction contracts were awarded. The Department currently has approximately \$132 million in construction contracts in force.

During his 14 years as Director of Highways, Bugge has been frequently honored for his professional accomplishments. He is one of only two men to receive all three of the top recognitions awarded in the field of highway engineering and administration. In 1960 he received the Charles S. Bartlett Award for outstanding contributions to highway progress. In October of 1961 he was named as highway "Man-of-the-Year" by the American Public Works

Association, of ten such annual nominations, each being from a separate field of public works. Also, in 1961, he received the Thomas H. MacDonald Memorial Award for outstanding service over an extended period of time in the art and science of highway engineering.

Earlier recognition includes the Washington Good Roads Association's "Certificate of Merit" in 1959; the Motorist of the Year award of the Automobile Club of Washington in 1960; "Engineer of the Year" by the Tacoma Chapter of the National Society of Professional Engineers in 1958; "Certificate of Merit" of the National Highway Users Conference, Washington Section, in 1958; "Certificate of Recognition" for "Outstanding Performance in the Interest of Better Highways" by Washington State University in 1953.

Most recently, he was honored by the Sigma Tau engineering honor society as an "Outstanding Engineer in the State of Washington." The honor was presented at Washington State University at Pullman.

Bugge's many professional honors came as a result, not only of his administration of the Washington State Department of Highways, but also as a result of his active participation in regional and national professional organizations. Among the many activities and offices in which he has served are:

Member, Laws Committee, Highway Research Board

Chairman, Design Policy Committee, American Association of State Highway Officials

Co-Chairman, Joint Cooperative Committee, American Association Railroads-American Association of State Highway Officials

Co-Chairman, Joint Cooperative Committee, Associated General Contractors-American Association of State Highway Officials.

Co-Chairman, Joint Cooperative Committee, American Road Builders Association - American Association of State Highway Officials

Member, Emergency Planning Committee, AASHO

Member, Joint AASHO - American Right of Way Association Committee

Member, Sub Committee of AASHO Executive Committee on Legislation and Administrative Policy.

Member, Joint AASHO-National Association of County Officials Committee

Member, Standing Committee on Administration, AASHO

Chairman, Standing Committee on Standards, AASHO

Member, Operating Committee on Research Activities

Member, Steering Committee, Urban Transportation AASHO

Past Chairman - Executive Committee, Highway Division A.S.C.E. 1961

Past President, Western Association of State Highway Officials 1952

Past Chairman, Highway Research Board, National Academy of Sciences 1961



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Recent hearings before the House Public Works Committee and its subcommittee investigating practices in the highway construction program under the chairmanship of Representative John Blatnik (D. Minn.) produced high praise of the Washington State highway program.

The questions by the investigating subcommittee drew the following responses from Frank J. McGovern, deputy director, Office of Audits and Publications of the Bureau of Public Works.

Question: What state would you say had the best auditing?

Mr. McGovern: The State of Washington.

Question: The State of Washington has the best auditing?

Mr. McGovern: Yes.

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Question:You say that they (State of Washington) are doing a great and fine job there.

Mr. McGovern: Yes, they are. We don't have to have as many auditors in there.

This exchange and related testimony brought praise for the Washington State highway program from Washington's senior Senator, Warren G. Magnuson (D. Wash.) on the floor of the United States Senate.

Entered into the Congressional Record of the Senate for May 17 were the following remarks by Senator Magnuson:

"This commission (The Washington State Highway Commission) has employed an outstanding highway director, Mr. William A. Bugge, who has been honored in the highway field by election to the high post of chairman of the American Association of State Highway Officials, and, more recently, as chairman of the National Highway Research Board.

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"Since the creation of this proper and well-designed highway administration, these controls and audit systems have developed. Highway funds in my State are under the constant supervision of this highway commission, a bipartisan joint house-senate interim committee which operates during and between sessions of the legislature, and a most competent highway user group that participates in the planning, utilization and distribution of highway funds and provides proper research money for the constant supervision and utilization necessary. In addition to the compliment my State has received in relation to audit and controls, I am proud to report that our State stands in the first group of States with relation to the completion of its Federal and State Highway program."