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contracts for all public structures needed by the municipality. But contracts for services, particularly for professional services and other services requiring special training and skill, are generally not contemplated by provisions requiring public contracts for work to be let upon competitive bidding.

"Contracts for the renting of real property or the hire of chattels generally are not considered within provisions requiring contracts for work, supplies, or materials to be let upon competitive bidding, and it is generally, although not universally, held that contracts for printing and advertising are not within the statutory requirements relative to competitive bidding for public 'work,' 'labor,' or 'materials.'"

It seems to be apparent from the foregoing that the term "public work" generally means every kind and character of work done for the public and for which the taxpayers are liable. However, there appears to be certain exceptions to this general rule as follows:

It has been held that a contract between the City's Health Department and individual physicians for special clinical work in the Health Department clinics does not come within the purview of the Charter requirement for competitive bidding for the reason that there can be no competition for the particular services for the particular individual. (See Opinions of the City Solicitor, Vol. 37, p. 11)

In the Opinions of the City Solicitor, Vol. 51, p. 159, which involved the rental of heavy duty equipment when necessary to facilitate the day labor forces of the Bureau of Sewers in doing emergency repair work and installing sewers and drains in advance of paving and where it was indicated that it was impossible to pre-determine according to specifications the number of machines, type and size of equipment needed for each project, the particular question was whether the provisions of Section 37 of the City Charter applied.