commission, State officer or institution] USING AGENCY of the State, AS DEFINED BY SECTION 1-101(S) OF ARTICLE 21, and may designate the location of any State agency, after review by the Secretary of General Services subject to the provisions of subsection (2) of this section.

22.

In addition to the general duties and powers assigned to the Department of General Services by § 21 above, said Department shall, CONSISTENT WITH ARTICLE 21:

- (1) Assist and advise the Board of Public Works and other State departments and agencies on all matters of engineering, surveys, plans, specifications and contracts for public improvements and land acquisition that may come before said Board or in which such department or agency may be interested:
- (2) Select and appoint architects and engineers to prepare plans and specifications for all public improvements, such appointments to be subject, however, to the approval of the Board of Public Works, and all such architects and engineers shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the Department of General Services;
- (3) Examine and approve all plans and specifications prepared in connection with the preparation and execution of all contracts for all public improvements;
- (4) Represent the Board of Public Works at the opening of all bids for public improvements and tabulate, record and advise said Board on such bids;
- (5) Supervise all appraisals in connection with public improvements;
- (6) Inspect and approve materials, equipment, and methods used in making public improvements, and inspect public improvements during the course of construction or repair, such inspection and approval of materials, equipment and methods to be in addition to and not in lieu of the responsibility of the architect or engineer to supervise work for which employed;
- (7) Review maintenance and operation of public improvements to the extent that any engineering questions are involved therein; and establish and supervise a comprehensive and continuing maintenance and repair program for all State-operated public improvements;
- (8) Assist and advise the Board of Public Works and other departments and agencies in the review and approval of changes in plan, specifications or contracts for public improvements;