

ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ATTORNEYS, ACCOUNTANTS, PHYSICIANS, CONSULTANTS, AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL PERSONS.

(P) "STATE AGENCY" MEANS ANY AGENCY, ASSOCIATION, BOARD, BUREAU, COLLEGE, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, COUNCIL, FOUNDATION, FUND, DEPARTMENT, INSTITUTE, INSTITUTION, PUBLIC CORPORATION, SERVICE, TRUST, UNIVERSITY, OR OTHER UNIT OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT AND INCLUDES ANY SUBUNIT WITHIN ANY OF THESE UNITS.

(Q) "SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT" MEANS ANY CONTRACT MODIFICATION WHICH IS ACCOMPLISHED BY THE MUTUAL ACTION OF THE PARTIES.

(R) "SUPPLIES" MEANS ALL PROPERTY, INCLUDING EQUIPMENT, LEASES ON REAL PROPERTY, PRINTING AND INSURANCE, EXCEPT LAND, A PERMANENT INTEREST IN LAND, OR A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT.

(S) "USING AGENCY" MEANS ANY STATE AGENCY WHICH USES ANY SUPPLIES, SERVICES, OR CONSTRUCTION PROCURED UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

SUBTITLE 2. PURPOSES, CONSTRUCTION, AND APPLICABILITY

1-201.

(A) UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED AND APPLIED TO PROMOTE THE UNDERLYING PURPOSES AND POLICIES SPECIFICALLY ENUMERATED IN SUBSECTION (B).

(B) THE UNDERLYING PURPOSES AND POLICIES OF THIS ARTICLE ARE, AMONG OTHERS TO:

(1) PROVIDE FOR INCREASED PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THE PROCEDURES FOLLOWED IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT;

(2) INSURE THE FAIR AND EQUITABLE TREATMENT OF ALL PERSONS WHO DEAL WITH THE PROCUREMENT SYSTEM OF THIS STATE;

(3) SIMPLIFY, CLARIFY, AND MODERNIZE THE LAW GOVERNING PROCUREMENT BY THIS STATE;

(4) PERMIT THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, POLICIES, AND PRACTICES;

(5) PROVIDE INCREASED ECONOMY IN STATE PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES AND TO MAXIMIZE TO THE FULLEST EXTENT THE PURCHASING POWER OF THE STATE;

(6) PROVIDE SAFEGUARDS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF A PROCUREMENT SYSTEM OF QUALITY AND INTEGRITY;

(7) FOSTER EFFECTIVE BROAD-BASED COMPETITION THROUGH SUPPORT OF THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM; AND