(J) "CONSTRUCTION RELATED SERVICES" MEANS FEASIBILITY STUDIES, SURVEYING, CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION, AND SIMILAR EFFORTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION OR THE ACQUISITION OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AS DEFINED IN § 4-401(D) OF THIS ARTICLE.

[(f)] (K) (1) "Contract" means [every] AN agreement IN WHATEVER FORM entered into by a State agency for the LEASE AS LESSEE OF REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY OR THE [procurement] ACQUISITION of supplies, services, construction, CONSTRUCTION RELATED SERVICES, [or] ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, OR ENGINEERING SERVICES. [any other item and includes:

(i)   Awards and notices of award;

(ii)  Contracts of a fixed-price, cost-reimbursement, cost-plus-a-fixed-fee, fixed-price incentive, or cost-plus incentive fee type;

(iii) Contracts providing for the issuance of job or task orders;

(iv)  Leases;

(v)   Letter contracts;

(vi)  Purchase orders;

(vii) Supplemental agreements with respect to any of these; and

(viii)  Orders.]

(2)   "Contract" does not include:

(i) A [Collective] COLLECTIVE bargaining [agreements] AGREEMENT with AN employee [organizations; and all agreements] ORGANIZATION OR AN AGREEMENT creating AN [employee-employer relationships] EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE RELATIONSHIP, as defined in [Article 64A,] § 15A(a)(3) OF ARTICLE 64A of the Code; or

(ii) A Medicaid, judicare, or similar reimbursement [contracts] CONTRACT for which user OR RECIPIENT eligibility and [cost] PRICE PAYABLE BY THE STATE are set by law or [by rules and] regulations.

[(g)] (L) "Contract modification" means [any] A written alteration in [the] specifications, delivery point, date of delivery, [contract] period OF PERFORMANCE, price, quantity, or other [provision] PROVISIONS of [any existing] A contract[, whether] THAT IS accomplished [by unilateral action in accordance with a contract provision, or] by mutual action of the parties to the contract. [It includes bilateral actions such as supplemental agreements, and unilateral actions such as change