

(3) "STATE AGENCY" DOES NOT INCLUDE BISTATE, MULTISTATE, BICOUNTY, OR MULTICOUNTY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE, INCLUDING COUNTIES, MUNICIPALITIES, SPECIAL TAX DISTRICTS, SANITARY DISTRICTS, DRAINAGE DISTRICTS, SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS, AND WATER SUPPLY DISTRICTS.

[(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.]

(KK) (1) "SUPPLIES" MEANS INSURANCE OR TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING SERVICES NECESSARILY ASSOCIATED THEREWITH, AND PRINTING.

(2) "SUPPLIES" DOES NOT INCLUDE INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY.

[(s) "Using agency" means any State agency which uses any supplies, services, or construction procured under this Division II of this article.]

[Subtitle 2. Purposes, Construction, and Applicability.]

[11-201.] 11-102. PURPOSES; CONSTRUCTION.

(a) Unless otherwise indicated, this ~~of~~-Division II of this article] ~~SUBTITLE~~ shall be liberally construed and applied to promote ~~IN STATE PROCUREMENT~~ the underlying purposes and policies specifically enumerated in subsection (b).

(b) The underlying purposes and policies of this ~~of~~-Division II of this article] ~~SUBTITLE~~ [are, among others] INCLUDE 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;