

2. price payable by the State.

[(n)](O) "Procurement officer" means an individual authorized by a unit to:

- (1) enter into a procurement contract;
- (2) administer a procurement contract; or
- (3) make determinations and findings with respect to a procurement contract.

[(o)](P) "Proposal" means a response to any solicitation other than an invitation for bids.

[(p)](Q) "Request for proposals" means any document used for soliciting proposals.

[(q)](R) "Responsible bidder or offeror" means a person who:

- (1) has the capability in all respects to perform fully the requirements for a procurement contract; and
- (2) possesses the integrity and reliability that will ensure good faith performance.

[(r)](S) "Responsive bid" means a bid that:

- (1) is submitted under § 13-103 of this article; and
- (2) conforms in all material respects to the invitation for bids.

[(s)](T) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, "services" means:

- (i) the labor, time, or effort of a contractor; and
- (ii) any product or report necessarily associated with the rendering of a service.

(2) "Services" includes services provided by attorneys, accountants, physicians, consultants, and other professionals who are independent contractors.

(3) "Services" does not include:

- (i) construction related services;
- (ii) architectural services; [or]
- (iii) engineering services; OR
- (IV) ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACT SERVICES.

[(t)](U) "State" means:

- (1) a state, possession, territory, or commonwealth of the United States; or
- (2) the District of Columbia.