

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - State Finance and Procurement

3-1001.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Agency" means an entity of the Executive Branch of State government.

(c) "Goal" means a broad statement that describes the desired long-term results toward which an agency directs its efforts. Goals support, clarify, and provide direction to the agency's mission and assist in the application of State resources toward implementation of the managing for results State comprehensive plan.

(d) "Managing for results" means a planning, performance measurement, and budgeting process that emphasizes use of resources to achieve measurable results, accountability, efficiency, and continuous improvement in State government programs.

(e) "Mission" means the purpose for an agency's existence and includes a description of what an agency does and for whom it does it.

(f) "Objective" means a specific and measurable short-term target for achievement of an agency's goals and includes a description of the desired results and a target date for accomplishment.

(g) (1) "Performance measure" means a quantitative or qualitative indicator used to assess whether an agency is meeting its goals and objectives.

(2) "Performance measure" includes the following:

(i) an efficiency measure that quantifies the relationship between measures of the inputs used to produce goods or services and the measures of the outputs of these activities;

(ii) an input measure that quantifies the amount of resources used to provide goods and services;

(iii) an outcome measure that quantifies the results an agency achieves or the benefits citizens receive from an agency's activities;