

**8A.301 Definitions.**

When used in [this subchapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Bid specification*” means the standards or qualities which must be met before a contract to purchase will be awarded and any terms which the director has set as a condition precedent to the awarding of a contract.
2. “*Competitive bidding procedure*” means the advertisement for, solicitation of, or the procurement of bids; the manner and condition in which bids are received; and the procedure by which bids are opened, accessed, accepted, rejected, or awarded. A “*competitive bidding procedure*” may include a transaction accomplished in an electronic format.
3. “*Life cycle cost*” means the expected total cost of ownership during the life of a product.
4. “*Printing*” means, as used in [chapter 7A](#) and [this subchapter](#), the reproduction of an image from a printing surface made generally by a contact impression that causes a transfer of ink, the reproduction of an impression by a photographic process, or the reproduction of an image by electronic means and shall include binding and may include material, processes, or operations necessary to produce a finished printed product, but shall not include binding, rebinding or repairs of books, journals, pamphlets, magazines and literary articles by any library of the state or any of its offices, departments, boards, and commissions held as a part of their library collection.
5. “*State buildings and grounds*” excludes any building under the custody and control of the Iowa public employees’ retirement system.

[2003 Acts, ch 145, §28](#)