

**641—176.2(135,17A) Definitions.** For the purpose of these rules, the following definitions shall apply:

“*Competitive selection process*” means the competitive selection application process engaged in by the department to compare applicant qualifications, terms, conditions and pricing for services to purchase services based on quality, performance, and prices of equal or similar services in order to meet the objective of purchasing services based on quality, performance, or price or any combination thereof.

“*Continuation application*” means the application process for subsequent years within a project period following a competitive selection process.

“*Department*” means the Iowa department of public health.

“*Project*” means the activities or program(s) funded by the department.

“*Project period*” means the period of time which the department intends to support the project without requiring the recompetition for funds. The project period is specified within the competitive selection application and may extend to six years.

“*Service delivery area*” means the defined geographic area for delivery of project services. Competitive applications shall not fragment existing integrated service delivery within the defined geographic area.