

**11—120.2 (8A) Definitions.**

“Agency” or “state agency” means a unit of state government, which is an authority, board, commission, committee, council, department, examining board, or independent agency as defined in Iowa Code section 7E.4, including but not limited to each principal central department enumerated in Iowa Code section 7E.5. However, “agency” or “state agency” does not include any of the following:

1. The office of the governor or the office of an elective constitutional or statutory officer.
2. The general assembly, or any office or unit under its administrative authority.
3. The judicial branch, as provided in Iowa Code section 602.1102.
4. A political subdivision of the state or its offices or units, including but not limited to a county, city, or community college.

“Agency head” means the director, commissioner, or other official in charge of a state agency.

“Competitive selection” means a formal or informal process engaged in by a state agency to compare provider qualifications, terms, conditions, and prices of equal or similar goods or services in order to meet the objective of purchasing goods or services based on quality, performance, price, or any combination thereof.

“Competitive selection documents” means documents prepared for a competitive selection by the department or an agency to purchase goods and services. Competitive selection documents may include requests for proposal, invitations to bid, or any other type of document the department or an agency is authorized to use that is designed to procure a good or service for state government. A competitive selection document may be an electronic document.

“Department” means the department of administrative services.

“Director” means the director of the department of administrative services.

“Information technology device” means equipment or associated software, including programs, languages, procedures, or associated documentation designed for the utilization or processing of information stored in an electronic format. “Information technology device” includes but is not limited to computer systems, computer networks, and equipment used for input, output, processing, storage, display, scanning, and printing.

“Information technology procurement” means a procurement for goods or services in which the predominant factor, thrust, and purpose of the procurement as reasonably stated is for the purchase of information technology devices or information technology services. Information technology procurements do not include procurements for goods or services in which the purchase of information technology devices or information technology services is an incidental, minor or limited part of the contract.

“Information technology services” means services designed to do any of the following:

1. Provide functions, maintenance, and support of information technology devices.
2. Provide services for any of the following:
  - Computer systems application development and maintenance.
  - Systems integration and interoperability.
  - Operating systems maintenance and design.
  - Computer systems programming.
  - Computer systems software support.

- Planning and security related to information technology devices.
- Data management consultation.
- Information technology education and consulting.
- Information technology planning and standards.
- Establishment of local area network and workstation management standards.

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