

**470.1 Definitions.**

As used in [this chapter](#) unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Addition*” means new construction equal to or greater than twenty thousand square feet of usable floor space that is heated or cooled by a mechanical or electrical system and is joined to an existing facility.
2. “*Authority*” means the economic development authority created in [section 15.105](#).
3. “*Commissioner*” means the state building code commissioner.
4. “*Director*” means the director of the economic development authority.
5. “*Economic life*” means the projected or anticipated useful life of a facility as expressed by a term of years.
6. “*Energy system*” includes but is not limited to the following equipment or measures:
  - a. Equipment used to heat or cool the facility.
  - b. Equipment used to heat water in the facility.
  - c. On-site equipment used to generate electricity for the major facility.
  - d. On-site equipment that uses the sun, wind, oil, natural gas, coal, or electricity as a power source.
  - e. Energy conservation measures in the facility design and construction that decrease the energy requirements of the facility.
7. “*Facility*” means a building having twenty thousand square feet or more of usable floor space that is heated or cooled by a mechanical or electrical system.
8. “*Initial cost*” means the moneys required for the capital construction or renovation of a facility or the construction of an addition.
9. “*Life cycle cost analysis*” means an analytical technique that considers certain costs of owning, using, and operating a facility over its economic life including but not limited to the following:
  - a. Initial costs.
  - b. System repair and replacement costs.
  - c. Maintenance costs.
  - d. Operating costs, including energy costs.
  - e. Salvage value.
10. “*Public agency*” means a state agency, political subdivision of the state, school district, area education agency, or community college.
11. “*Renovation*” means a project where alterations, that are not additions, to an existing facility exceed fifty percent of the value of a facility and will affect an energy system.

[C81, §470.1]

[91 Acts, ch 253, §17, 18; 2009 Acts, ch 108, §23, 41; 2011 Acts, ch 118, §42 – 44, 89; 2016 Acts, ch 1109, §1, 2, 9](#)