**Section 6.490 Definitions**

As used in this Subpart:

a) "Affiliates" means firms where one controls or has the power to control another, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

b) "Hearing Officer" means the CPO or an attorney, licensed to practice law in this State, appointed by the CPO.

c) "Participation" means to enter into or attempt to enter into a contract awarded or approved by the Department, irrespective of the method of procurement, or any subcontract, material supply agreement or equipment lease transaction in connection with any such contract.

d) "Indictment" means the charge, information, or other filing by a competent authority charging a criminal offense.

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