

**CHAPTER 44  
CONSTRUCTION SERVICES**

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## SUBCHAPTER 1. CLASSIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS AND PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

### 16:44-1.1 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

“Affiliates” means persons having a relationship such that any one of them directly or indirectly controls or has the power to control another.

“Aggregate Rating” means the dollar limit of contract work that a contractor will be allowed to have outstanding at any given time, and includes the dollar value of all work in progress.

“Bond value” means par value or market value of the bond, whichever is lower.

“Classification” means the rating given a contractor that denotes the type of contracts on which the Department will allow the contractor to submit bids, the total amount of work which the contractor may undertake, and the maximum dollar amount which a contractor shall be allowed to bid on an individual project.

“Contractor” means a person that is classified, or requesting classification, to perform work under contract with the Department.

“Corporate or LLC reorganization” means any change in the structure or organization of a corporation or limited liability company (LLC) when one or more of the following events occur:

1. A change in ownership of more than five percent;
2. A transfer of the assets, in whole or in part, from the existing corporation or LLC to another or new corporation or LLC;
3. Any modification of the entity's name;
4. Any other change, modification, dissolution, transfer of, deletion from or addition to the entity which may affect the operation of the corporation or LLC as a contractor; or
5. Any change in operation or function of the corporation or LLC, such as a change in classification or industry.

“Current Bid Capacity” means the lesser of a contractor's Project Rating or Maximum Rating.

“Debarment” means an exclusion from NJDOT contracting.

“Department” and “NJDOT” means the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

“Design/Build/Operate/Maintain” and “DBOM” means a single contract where the contractor is responsible for the design, and construction, as well as the operation and maintenance of a project.

“Disqualification” means a debarment or a suspension which denies or revokes a qualification to bid or otherwise engage in NJDOT contracting.

“Key sheet” means the first sheet of a set of plans containing a location map for the project, a brief description of the project and the necessary approvals.

“Maximum Rating” means that dollar figure established by subtracting the contractor's current dollar amount of outstanding work from its Aggregate Rating.

“NJDOT contracting” means any arrangement giving rise to an obligation to supply anything to or perform any service for the Department, other than by virtue of State employment, or to supply anything to or perform any service for private or public persons where the Department provides substantial financial assistance or retains the right to approve or disapprove the nature or quality of the goods or service or the persons who may supply or perform the goods or service.

“Performance rating” means the numerical rating calculated by the Department's resident engineer, based upon criteria as found in the “Contractor's Performance Report” (form DC-83).

“Person” means any individual, company, firm, sole proprietorship, partnership, association, corporation, joint stock company, limited liability company, or other business entity, and their lessees, trustees, assignees or receivers.

“Plans” means construction plans, special provisions and proposal forms.

“Prequalification Committee” means a committee appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation to perform the duties indicated in this chapter. The Committee shall be comprised of five voting members, selected at the discretion of the Commissioner of Transportation. The Manager, Bureau of Construction Services, Procurement Division, shall serve as a non-voting member and Secretary to the Committee, and may be granted authority by the Prequalification Committee to sign prequalification applications on behalf of the Committee in those circumstances deemed appropriate by the Committee.