**Section 1037.20 Definitions**

"Eligible gross square feet" means the total amount of gross square feet less:

any space used as sectarian facilities;

space owned by the institution but leased to a second party;

space not owned by the institution; and

space which is not used primarily to support education or educational services.

"Grant period" means the twenty-four month period specified in the grant agreement during which an institution may expend grant funds.

"Gross square feet" means the on-campus nonresidential space as determined by the Board of Higher Education based upon the most recent submission for the Board's Statewide Space Survey and other documentation as requested by the Board for clarification or substantiation in the event that material submitted by an applicant institution is incomplete or not of sufficient detail to provide an understanding of the proposed project or its justification.

"Institution" means a nonpublic institution of higher learning located in this State which offers associate, baccalaureate or post-baccalaureate degrees, *and which is operating privately, not-for-profit and in conformity with standards substantially equivalent to those of the state-supported institutions of higher learning*, for example as evidenced by the transferability of credits to state-supported institutions.

*"Institution" does not include any educational organization used for sectarian instruction, as a place of religious teaching or worship or for any religious denomination or the training of ministers, priests, rabbis or other professional persons in the field of religion.* (Section 2 of "The Illinois Financial Assistance Act for Nonpublic Institutions of Higher Learning" (the Act), Ill. Rev. Stat. 1987, ch. 144, par. 1332.)

"Renovation project" means a capital improvement project directly related to laboratory use, research or instruction and which falls into one of the following categories:

"Remodeling" which means a capital improvement that has the primary objective of restoring or upgrading a structure or facility to its original operating condition or improving the existing functional capability or capacity of the structure or facility.

"Utilities" which means a system for distributing or disbursing utility services from beyond the boundary line of existing buildings, additions or structures.

"Sectarian facilities" means facilities used to further the religious interests of specific religions, denominations or sects and may include but are not limited to campus churches, chapels or temples.