**Section 43.100 Definitions**

As used in this Part, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

"Act" means Section 5-300 of the School Construction Law [105 ILCS 230].

"Board" means the Capital Development Board.

"Early Childhood Center" means a facility where a public school district or not‑for-profit entity provides educational, health, social and/or child development services to young children, ages 0 to 5 years old, and their families.

"Early Childhood Construction Grant" or "Grant" means the Early Childhood Construction Grant created by the Act.

"Early Childhood Construction Project" or "Project" means a project, other than a school construction project, school maintenance project, or school energy efficiency project as defined in the School Construction Law, that provides for the acquisition, construction, expansion or renovation of an Early Childhood Center that is owned or will be owned by the Grant recipient. A Project may include, as part of the overall capital project, equipping the facility. Other equipment purchases are also allowed provided that the equipment has a significant useful life and otherwise complies with the requirements of this Part. Projects may not include any ongoing operational costs.

"Equipment" means movable equipment, including all items of equipment, other than built-in equipment, necessary and appropriate for the functioning of a facility that is purchased, renovated, or constructed with Grant funds, and that will be used solely or primarily for purposes related to the mission of an Early Childhood Center. Further, equipment is defined as durable manufactured items that have a significant useful life of at least 20 years, that are not affixed to a building and are capable of being moved or relocated from room to room or building to building, that are not consumed in use, and that have an identity and function that will not be lost through incorporation into a more complex unit.

Equipment includes:

office/household equipment and furniture;

machinery, implements and major tools;

scientific instruments and apparatus with the exception of those items that are subject to a short useful life (e.g., glassware, tubing, crockery, and light bulbs); and

Transportation costs and installation costs incurred from an outside source.

Equipment does not include:

commodities;

library books, maps, and paintings;

livestock, for any use;

rolling stock (e.g., cars, trucks, boats, related items); or

spare and replacement parts.

"GATA" means the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act [30 ILCS 708].

"GATA Rules" means 44 Ill. Adm. Code 7000.

"Not-for-profit Entity" means an organization:

incorporated under state laws and in good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State; and

operating for educational, charitable, social, religious, civic or humanitarian purposes.

"Notice of Funding Opportunity" means the Board's formally issued announcement of the availability of State funding for the Early Childhood Construction Grant program.

"Underserved Children" means children from marginalized communities and populations aged 0 to 5 years old who exceed the number of enrollment slots designated for their age groups at Early Childhood Centers in the area served by those centers.

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