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Professional, Personal, Consulting, Social Services (PPCS) Contracts:

Professional Service (LA R.S. 39:1556(42); 39:1617): means work rendered by an independent contractor who has a professed knowledge of some department of learning or science used by its practical application to the affairs of others or in the practice of an art founded on it, which independent contractor shall include but not be limited to lawyers, doctors, dentists, psychologists, certified advanced practice nurses, veterinarians, architects, engineers, land surveyors, landscape architects, accountants, actuaries, and claims adjusters. A profession is a vocation founded upon prolonged and specialized intellectual training which enables a particular service to be rendered. The word "professional" implies professed attainments in special knowledge as distinguished from mere skill. For contracts with a total amount of compensation of fifty thousand dollars or more, the definition of "professional service" shall be limited to lawyers, doctors, dentists, psychologists, certified advanced practice nurses, veterinarians, architects, engineers, land surveyors, landscape architects, accountants, actuaries, claims adjusters, and any other profession that may be added by regulations adopted by the office of state procurement of the division of administration.

Personal Service (LA R.S. 39:1556(37); 39:1620): means work rendered by individuals which requires use of creative or artistic skills or highly technical or unique individual skills or talents, including, but not limited to, graphic artists, sculptors, musicians, photographers, writers, or which require use of highly technical or unique individual skills or talents, including but not limited to paramedical, therapists, handwriting analysts, foreign representatives, and expert witnesses for adjudications or other court proceedings. A "foreign representative" shall mean a person in a foreign country whose education and experience qualify such a person to represent the state in such foreign country.

Consulting Service (LA R.S. 39:1556(10); 39:1621): means work, other than professional, personal, or social services, rendered by either individuals or firms who possess specialized knowledge, experience, and expertise to investigate assigned problems or projects and to provide counsel, review, design, development, analysis, or advice in formulating or implementing programs or services, or improvements in programs or services, included by not limited to such areas of management, personnel, finance, accounting planning, information technology, and advertising contracts, except for printing associated therewith

Social Service (LA R.S. 39:1556(54); 39:1619): means work rendered by an person, firm, corporation, organization, governmental body, or governmental entity in furtherance of the general welfare of the citizens of Louisiana, including by not limited to the objectives provided for in LA R.S. 39:1619(A).