

RCW 43.60A.010 Definitions. As used in this chapter the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

- (1) "Committee" means the veterans affairs advisory committee.
- (2) "Department" means the department of veterans affairs.
- (3) "Director" means the director of the department of veterans affairs.
- (4) "Goods and services" includes professional services and all other goods and services.
- (5) "Procurement" means the purchase, lease, or rental of any goods or services.
- (6) "State agency" includes the state of Washington and all agencies, departments, offices, divisions, boards, commissions, and correctional and other types of institutions.
- (7) "Veteran-owned business" means a business that is certified by the department to be at least fifty-one percent owned and controlled by:
 - (a) A veteran as defined in RCW 41.04.007; or
 - (b) An active or reserve member in any branch of the armed forces of the United States, including the national guard, coast guard, and armed forces reserves. [2010 1st sp.s. c 7 s 117; 2010 c 5 s 2; 2006 c 343 s 2; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 115 s 1.]

Reviser's note: (1) The definitions in this section have been alphabetized pursuant to RCW 1.08.015(2)(k).

(2) This section was amended by 2010 c 5 s 2 and by 2010 1st sp.s. c 7 s 117, each without reference to the other. Both amendments are incorporated in the publication of this section under RCW 1.12.025(2). For rule of construction, see RCW 1.12.025(1).

Effective date—2010 1st sp.s. c 26; 2010 1st sp.s. c 7: See note following RCW 43.03.027.

Purpose—2010 c 5: "The legislature recognizes the unique sacrifices made by veterans and the substantial challenges that returning veterans face after a period of military duty away from home. The legislature further recognizes that veterans who own private businesses may face particular hardships as a direct result of their military service. The purpose of this act is to mitigate economic damage to veteran-owned businesses as a result of military service, and to provide opportunities to them in recognition of the outstanding service they have given to their country." [2010 c 5 s 1.]

Construction—2010 c 5: "This act is not intended to create a cause of action or entitlement in an individual or class of individuals." [2010 c 5 s 12.]

Findings—2006 c 343: See note following RCW 43.60A.160.