

**WAC 383-06-020 Definitions.** As used in these rules, these definitions refer only to the employee suggestion program(s) unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1) "Board" means the productivity board.
- (2) "Program" means the employee suggestion "brainstorm" program(s) developed by the board under RCW 41.60.020.
- (3) "Statewide employee suggestion program" means an employee suggestion program administered by the productivity board.
- (4) "Agency unique suggestion program" means an employee suggestion program designed and administered by an agency head with delegated authority.
- (5) "Delegated authority" means authority delegated to an agency head by the board to design and implement an agency unique program for the agency.
- (6) "Board designee" means an agency head with delegated authority from the board.
- (7) "The act" referred to in these rules is chapter 41.60 RCW.
- (8) "Employee" means:
  - (a) For purposes of participation in the program, any present employees in state agencies and institutions of higher education except for:
    - (i) Elected officials;
    - (ii) Agency heads and their confidential secretaries and administrative assistants; and
    - (iii) Productivity board members and staff;
  - (b) For purposes of eligibility to receive monetary awards through the program excludes any employee made ineligible by WAC 383-06-080.
- (9) "Suggestion" is a unique, useful or workable, constructive proposal offering a specific change or form of improvement which contributes to state efficiency, service, safety, economy or employee well-being.
- (10) "Agency" includes every subdivision of government which is eligible to participate under chapter 41.60 RCW, including institutions of higher education and merit system agencies.
- (11) "Multiagency suggestion" meets the criteria for a suggestion, as defined in WAC 383-06-100, and requires evaluation by two or more agencies.
- (12) "Award" means monetary or nonmonetary recognition.
- (13) Agency "head" includes the chief executive, whether appointed or elected, of each state agency or institution of higher education.
- (14) "Program manager" is the executive manager of the productivity board and serves as staff to the productivity board.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 41.60 RCW. WSR 99-24-093, § 383-06-020, filed 11/30/99, effective 1/1/00; WSR 86-04-039 (Order 85-1), § 383-06-020, filed 1/30/86; WSR 83-15-063 (Order 831), § 383-06-020, filed 7/20/83.]