§ 1404.1005 State.
   (a) State means—
   (1) Any of the states of the United States;
   (2) The District of Columbia;
   (3) The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;
   (4) Any territory or possession of the United States; or
   (5) Any agency or instrumentality of a state.
   (b) For purposes of this part, State does not include institutions of higher education, hospitals, or units of local government.

§ 1404.1010 Suspending official.
   (a) Suspending official means an agency official who is authorized to impose suspension. The suspending official is either:
   (1) The agency head; or
   (2) An official designated by the agency head.
   (b) [Reserved]

§ 1404.1015 Suspension.
Suspension is an action taken by a suspending official under subpart G of this part that immediately prohibits a person from participating in covered transactions and transactions covered under the Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR chapter 1) for a temporary period, pending completion of an agency investigation and any judicial or administrative proceedings that may ensue. A person so excluded is suspended.

§ 1404.1020 Voluntary exclusion or voluntarily excluded.
   (a) Voluntary exclusion means a person’s agreement to be excluded under the terms of a settlement between the person and one or more agencies. Voluntary exclusion must have governmentwide effect.
   (b) Voluntarily excluded means the status of a person who has agreed to a voluntary exclusion.

Subpart J [Reserved]