

## State of Arkansas Statutes

### Arkansas Code

#### 19-11-206 Definitions concerning intergovernmental relations

As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "State public procurement unit" means the Office of State Procurement and any other procurement agency of this state;

(2) "Local public procurement unit" means:

(A) Any county, city, town, state agency, and any other subdivision of the state or public agency thereof,

(B) Any fire protection district;

(C) Any regional water distribution district;

(D) Any rural development authority;

(E) Any public authority;

(F) Any public educational, health, or other institution;

(G) Any nonprofit corporation during such time that it contracts with the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services of the Department of Human Services to provide services to the developmentally disabled, provided the contract exceeds seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) per year

(H) Any nonprofit corporation providing fire protection services to a rural area or providing drinking water to the public in a rural area;

(I) Any nonprofit corporation which contracts with the Department of Human Services, provided that the contract includes provisions for transportation services, and the contract exceeds seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) per year; and

(J) To the extent not prohibited by law, any other entity which expends public funds for the acquisition or leasing of commodities and services;

(3) "Public procurement unit" means either a local public procurement unit or a state public procurement unit;

(4)(A) "External procurement activity" means any buying organization not located in this state which, if located in this state, would qualify as a public procurement unit.

(B) An agency of the federal government is an external procurement activity; and

(5) "Cooperative procurement" means procurement conducted by, or on behalf of, more than one (1) public procurement unit or by a public procurement unit with an external procurement activity.

**19-11-249 Cooperative purchasing.**

Any public procurement unit may either participate in, sponsor, conduct, or administer a cooperative purchasing agreement for the acquisition of any commodities or services with one (1) or more public procurement units or external procurement activities in accordance with an agreement entered into between the participants. Such cooperative purchasing may include, but is not limited to, joint or multiparty contracts between public procurement units and open ended state public procurement unit contracts which are made available to local public procurement units.