

## State of Texas Statutes

### Government Code

#### Title 7. Intergovernmental Relations

#### Chapter 791 Interlocal Cooperation Contracts

#### Subchapter C. Specific Interlocal Contracting Authority

##### § 791.001 GOV'T. Purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of local governments by authorizing them to contract, to the greatest possible extent, with one another and with agencies of the state.

##### § 791.003 GOV'T. Definitions

4) "Local government" means a:

(A) county, municipality, special district, or other political subdivision of this state or another state ; or

(B) combination of two or more of those entities.

SECTION 2. Section 791.011 GOV'T, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(b) A party to an interlocal contract may contract with a:

(1) state agency, as that term is defined by Section 771.002; or

(2) similar agency of another state.

(g) A governmental entity of this state or another state that makes purchases or provides purchasing services under an interlocal contract for a state agency, as that term is defined by Section 771.002, must comply with Chapter 2161 in making the purchases or providing the services.

##### § 791.025 GOV'T. Contracts for Purchases

(a) A local government, including a council of governments, may agree with another local government or with the state or a state agency, including the General Services Commission, to purchase goods and services.

(b) A local government, including a council of governments, may agree with another local government, including a nonprofit corporation that is created and operated to provide one or more governmental functions and services, or with the state or a state agency, including the General Services Commission, to purchase

goods and any services reasonably required for the installation, operation, or maintenance of the goods. This subsection does not apply to services provided by firefighters, police officers, or emergency medical personnel.

(c) A local government that purchases goods and services under this section satisfies the requirement of the local government to seek competitive bids for the purchase of the goods and services.

(d) In this section, "council of governments" means a regional planning commission created under Chapter 391, Local Government Code.