



Cooperative purchasing in Louisiana is authorized by Louisiana's Procurement Code:

Louisiana Revised Statutes
Title 39 Public Finance
Subtitle III. General Laws on State Debt
Chapter 17. Louisiana Procurement Code
Part VII Intergovernmental Relations
Subpart B: Cooperative Purchasing

§1702. Cooperative purchasing authorized; participation in federal General Services Administration vendor list

A.(1) Any public procurement unit **[the state, any parish, city, education district or health institution]** may either participate in, sponsor, conduct, or administer a cooperative purchasing agreement for the acquisition of any supplies, services, major repairs, or construction with one or more public procurement units or external procurement activities **[e.g. NJPA]** or one or more private procurement units in accordance with an agreement entered into between the participants. Such cooperative purchasing may include but is not limited to joint or multi-party contracts between public procurement units **[e.g. NJPA]** and open-ended state public procurement unit contracts which are made available to local public procurement units.

Link to the full statute can be found here: <http://www.legis.state.la.us/lss/lss.asp?doc=96137>

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LOUISIANA PUBLIC BID LAW As Amended through August, 2007
Title 38, chapter 10, subdivision '2212.1, paragraph 4(f) states:

“Any public entity may purchase materials, supplies, and equipment pursuant to the cooperative purchasing provisions of Part VII of Chapter 17 of Subtitle III of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 39:1701 et seq.”

PART VII. INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

SUBPART A. DEFINITIONS (1701)

§1701. Definitions of terms used in this Part

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

(2) "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. An agency of the United States government is an external procurement activity.

(3) "Local public procurement unit" means any parish, city, town, governmental body, and any other subdivision of the state or public agency thereof, public authority, public educational, health, or other institution, and to the extent provided by law, any other entity which expends public funds for the acquisition or leasing of supplies, services, major repairs, and construction, and any nonprofit corporation operating a charitable hospital.

Added by Acts 1979, No. 715, §1, eff. July 1, 1980. Acts 1984, No. 922, §1.

SUBPART B. COOPERATIVE PURCHASING (1702)

IN SUMMARY

Established under Minn. Stat. 123A.21, National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) was formed in 1978 as a service cooperative. Directive 23 of subdivision 7 allows our agency to provide “cooperative purchasing” for our members.

Minnesota Stat. 471.59 JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS allows our members to legally purchase off of our competitively bid and awarded contracts. This statute states that two or more governmental units may jointly exercise any power common to the parties. The term governmental units is defined to include every city, county, town, school district, independent nonprofit firefighting corporation, other political subdivision of this or another state, another state, and various nonprofits.

We are an “External Procurement Activity” as defined in Louisiana Stat. 39.1701. Stat. 1702 A.1 enables Louisiana’s public procurement units to participate in cooperative purchasing agreements with external procurement activities such as NJPA. Louisiana Stat. 38.2212 paragraph 4(F) enables local public entities to purchase as defined in Stat. 39.1701.