



Cooperative purchasing in Colorado is authorized by the Colorado State Procurement Code.

Colorado Revised Statutes
Title 21 Government—State
Procurement Code
Article 110 Intergovernmental Relations
Part 2 Cooperative Purchasing

24-110-201. Cooperative purchasing authorized.

(1) Any public procurement unit **[any county, city, county and city, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state, including any educational or health institution]** may either participate in, sponsor, conduct, or administer a cooperative purchasing agreement for the procurement of any supplies, services, or construction with one or more public procurement units, external procurement activities **[any buying organization not located in this state which, if located in this state, would qualify as a public procurement unit, e.g. NJPA]**, or procurement consortiums that include as members tax-exempt organizations as defined by section 501 (c) (3) of the federal "Internal Revenue Code of 1986", as amended, 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 that are made available to local public procurement units **[local units may use any state authorized contract]**.

(2) With prior written approval of the executive director and under procedures established by rule, a state public procurement unit **[the department of personnel or any other purchasing agency of this state]** may purchase goods or services under the terms of a contract between a vendor and an external procurement activity **[e.g. NJPA]** or a local public procurement unit without complying with the requirements of section 24-102-202.5 and article 103 of this title.

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