



Cooperative purchasing in Connecticut is authorized by Connecticut state statutes:

Connecticut Statutes
Title 7 Municipalities
Chapter 98 Municipal Powers

Sec. 7-148cc. Joint performance of municipal functions.

Two or more municipalities [**county, city, town, NJPA**] may jointly perform any function that each municipality may perform separately [**e.g. purchasing and contracting**] under any provisions of the general statutes or of any special act, charter or home rule ordinance. Each participating municipality shall approve any agreement entered into pursuant to this section in the same manner as an ordinance is approved in such participating municipality or, if no ordinances are approved by such participating municipality, in the same manner as the budget is approved. The terms of each agreement shall establish a process for withdrawal from such agreement and shall require that the agreement be reviewed at least once every five years by the body that approved the agreement to assess the effectiveness of such agreement in enhancing the performance of the function that is the subject of the agreement. As used in this section, "municipality" means any municipality, as defined in section 7-187, or any district, as defined in section 7-324, located within the state of Connecticut.

Link to the full statutes can be found here: <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/pub/chap098.htm#Sec7-148cc.htm>

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