



Cooperative purchasing is authorized by Kansas state statutes:

Chapter 12 Cities and Municipalities
Article 29 Interlocal Cooperation

12-2904. Interlocal agreements by public agencies; specifications; approval of attorney general, exceptions. (a) Subject to the limitations of subsection (g), any power or powers, privileges or authority exercised or capable of exercise [e.g. **contracting and procurement**] by a public agency of this state [county, township, city, school district, library district, road district, drainage district, sewer district, water district or fire district] including but not limited to those functions relating to economic development, public improvements, public utilities, police protection, public security, public safety and emergency preparedness, including but not limited to, intelligence, antiterrorism and disaster recovery, libraries, data processing services, educational services, building and related inspection services, flood control and storm water drainage, weather modification, sewage disposal, refuse disposal, park and recreational programs and facilities, ambulance service, fire protection, the Kansas tort claims act or claims for civil rights violations, may be exercised and enjoyed jointly with any other public agency of this state or with any private agency, and jointly with any public agency of any other state or of the United States to the extent that the laws of such other state or of the United States permit such joint exercise or enjoyment. Any agency of the state government when acting jointly with any public or private agency may exercise and enjoy all of the powers, privileges and authority conferred by this act upon a public agency.

(b) Any public agency [county, township, city, school district, library district, road district, drainage district, sewer district, water district or fire district] may enter into agreements with one or more public or private agencies for joint or cooperative action [e.g. **contracting and procurement**] pursuant to the provisions of this act. Appropriate action by ordinance, resolution or otherwise pursuant to law of the governing bodies of the participating public agencies shall be necessary before any such agreement may enter into force. [Use of an NJPA contract may also be governed by the city, county, etc.'s local ordinances].

Link to the full statute can be found here:

http://kslegislature.org/li/statute/012_000_0000_chapter/012_029_0000_article/012_029_0004_section/012_029_0004_k/

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