



Cooperative purchasing in Maine is authorized by Maine state statutes:

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 30-A Municipalities and Counties
Part 2 Municipalities
Subpart 2 Organization and Interlocal Corporation
Chapter 115: Interlocal Cooperation

§2203. Joint exercise of powers

Any power or powers, privileges or authority exercised or capable of exercise by a party to an agreement under this chapter may be exercised and enjoyed jointly or cooperatively with any other party to the extent that federal laws, when applicable, permit the joint or cooperative exercise. When acting jointly or cooperatively with any party, any agency of State Government may exercise all of the powers, privileges and authority conferred by this chapter upon a public agency. [2009, c. 636, Pt. D, §3 (AMD).]

1. Agreement. Any 2 or more parties **[e.g. city, county, water or hospital district, school administrative unit, and NJPA]** may enter into agreements **[e.g. cooperative purchasing contracts, including NJPA contracts]** with one another for joint or cooperative action under this chapter. The governing bodies of the participating parties must take appropriate action by ordinance, resolution or other action under law before any such agreement may become effective.

Link to the full statute can be found here: <http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/30-A/title30-Asec2203.html>

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