



**Cooperative purchasing in Massachusetts is authorized by the Massachusetts Uniform Procurement Act:**

**Massachusetts State Statutes**  
**Part I Administration of the Government**  
**Title III Laws Relating to State Officers**  
**Chapter 30B. Uniform Procurement Act**

**Section 22. Cooperative purchasing agreements between public procurement units or public procurement unit and external procurement activity.** A public procurement unit **[any public agency]** may participate in, sponsor, conduct or administer a cooperative purchasing agreement **[e.g. NJPA contracts]** for the procurement of supplies with public procurement units or external procurement activities **[e.g. NJPA]** in accordance with an agreement entered into between the participants. The public procurement unit conducting the procurement of supplies shall do so in a manner that constitutes a full and open competition.

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