



Cooperative purchasing in North Dakota is authorized by North Dakota state statutes:

**Title 54 State Government**

**Chapter 54-40 Joint Exercise of Governmental Powers**

**54-40-01. Agreement - Exercise of joint powers - Bonds.**

1. Two or more governmental units or municipal corporations having in common any portion of their territory or boundary, by agreement entered into through action of their governing bodies, may jointly or cooperatively exercise their respective separate powers, or any power common to the contracting parties or any similar powers, including those which are the same except for the territorial limits within which they may be exercised for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, and maintaining any building for their joint use. The term "governmental unit" as used in this section includes every city, county, park district, school district, states and United States governments and departments of each thereof, and all other political subdivisions even though not specifically named or referred to herein.

2. Two or more counties or cities, or any combination of counties or cities, whether or not they have in common any portion of their territory or boundary, by agreement entered into through action of their governing bodies, may jointly or cooperatively exercise their respective separate powers, or any power common to the contracting parties or any similar powers, for the purpose of acquiring equipment or constructing roads, bridges, and road and bridge improvements. **[Any city or county in North Dakota may use contracts established by NJPA].**

Link to the full statute can be found here: <http://www.legis.nd.gov/cencode/t54c40.pdf>

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