



**Cooperative purchasing in Rhode Island is authorized by Rhode Island state statutes:**

**TITLE 45: Towns and cities**

**CHAPTER 45-40.1: Interlocal Contracting and Joint Enterprises**

**SECTION 45-40.1-4**

**§ 45-40.1-4 Interlocal agreements.** – (a) Any power or powers, privileges, or authority [e.g. **contracting and procurement**], exercised or capable of exercise by a public agency [e.g. **city, county, school district, etc.**] of this state, may be exercised and enjoyed jointly with any other public agency of any other state [e.g. **NJPA**] or of the United States, and to the extent that laws of the other state or of the United States permit the joint exercise or enjoyment. Any agency of the state government, when acting jointly with any public agency may exercise and enjoy all of the powers, privileges, and authority conferred by this chapter upon a public agency.

Link to the full statute can be found here: <http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE45/45-40.1/INDEX.HTM>

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