



Cooperative purchasing in Texas is authorized by Texas state statutes:

**Government Code**  
**Title 7. Intergovernmental Relations**  
**Chapter 791 Interlocal Cooperation Contracts**  
**Subchapter C. Specific Interlocal Contracting Authority**

**Sec. 791.025. CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASES.**

(a) A local government [city, county, school district in Texas or another state], including a council of governments, may agree with another local government [e.g. NJPA] or with the state or a state agency, including the comptroller, to purchase goods and services.

(b) A local government, including a council of governments, may agree with another local government, including a nonprofit corporation that is created and operated to provide one or more governmental functions and services, or with the state or a state agency, including the comptroller, to purchase goods and any services reasonably required for the installation, operation, or maintenance of the goods. This subsection does not apply to services provided by firefighters, police officers, or emergency medical personnel.

(c) A local government that purchases goods and services under this section satisfies the requirement of the local government to seek competitive bids for the purchase of the goods and services.

(d) In this section, "council of governments" means a regional planning commission created under Chapter 391, Local Government Code.

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