



Cooperative purchasing in West Virginia is authorized by West Virginia state statutes:

West Virginia Code
Chapter 8 Municipal Corporations
Article 23 Intergovernmental Relations
Contracting and Joint Enterprises
Part II Intergovernmental Agreements and Contracts

§8-23-3. Intergovernmental agreements generally.

Any power or powers, privilege or privileges, authority or undertaking, exercised or capable of exercise, or which may be engaged in, and any public works which may be undertaken [**e.g. procurement and contracting**], by a public agency acting alone may be exercised, enjoyed, engaged in or undertaken jointly with any other public agency which could likewise act alone.

Any two or more public agencies [**e.g. city, county, school district, etc.**] may enter into a written agreement with one another for joint or cooperative action [**e.g. cooperative purchasing through use of an NJPA contract**] pursuant to the provisions of this section. Appropriate action by ordinance, resolution or otherwise pursuant to law of the governing bodies of the participating public agencies shall be necessary before any such agreement shall become effective. Any separate legal or administrative entity established hereunder is a public corporation and may exist for the length of time set forth in the intergovernmental agreement.

Link to the full statute can be found here:

<http://www.legis.state.wv.us/WVCODE/ChapterEntire.cfm?chap=08&art=23§ion=3#23#23>

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