

Cooperative Purchasing

Colorado

COLO. REV. STAT. ANN. § 24-110-101. Definitions

As used in this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) "Cooperative purchasing" means procurement conducted by, or on behalf of, more than one public procurement unit or by a public procurement unit with an external procurement activity.
- (2) "External procurement activity" means any buying organization not located in this state which, if located in this state, would qualify as a public procurement unit. An agency of the United States is an external procurement activity.
- (3) "Local public procurement unit" means any county, city, county and city, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state, any public agency of any such political subdivision, any public authority, any educational, health, or other institution, and, to the extent provided by law, any other entity which expends public funds for the procurement of supplies, services, and construction.
- (3.5) "Public benefit nonprofit entity" means an organization that:
 - (a) Is exempt from federal taxation under 26 U.S.C. sec. 501(c)(3) of the federal "Internal Revenue Code of 1986", as amended;
 - (b) Does not possess 501(c)(4) status under the federal "Internal Revenue Code of 1986", as amended, 26 U.S.C. sec. 501(c)(4); and
 - (c) Receives funds from federal, state, or local governmental sources.
- (4) "Public procurement unit" means either a local public procurement unit or a state public procurement unit.
- (5) "State public procurement unit" means the department of personnel or any other purchasing agency of this state.

COLO. REV. STAT. ANN. §24-110-201. Cooperative purchasing authorized.

- (1) Any public procurement unit may either participate in, sponsor, conduct, or administer a cooperative purchasing agreement for the procurement of any supplies, services, or construction with one or more public procurement units, external procurement activities or procurement consortiums that include as members tax-exempt organizations as defined by section 501 (c) (3) of the federal "Internal Revenue Code of 1986", as amended, in accordance with an agreement entered into between the participants. Such cooperative purchasing may include, but is not limited to, joint or multiparty contracts between public procurement units and open-ended state public procurement unit contracts that are made available to local public procurement units.
- (2) With prior written approval of the executive director and under procedures established by rule, a state public procurement unit may purchase goods or services under the terms of a contract between a vendor and an external procurement activity or a local public procurement unit without complying with the requirements of section 24-102-202.5 and article 103 of this title.