

Cooperative Purchasing

Louisiana

LA. REV. STAT. ANN. §39:1701. Definitions of terms used in this Part

- (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 or by a private procurement unit.
- (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 government is an external procurement activity.
- (3) "Local public procurement unit" means any parish, city, town, governmental body, and any other subdivision of the state or public agency thereof, public authority, public educational, health, or other institution, and to the extent provided by law, any other entity which expends public funds for the acquisition or leasing of supplies, services, major repairs, and construction, and any nonprofit corporation operating a charitable hospital.
- (4) "Private procurement unit" means any independent institution of higher education in this state.
- (5) "Public procurement unit" means either a local public procurement unit or a state public procurement unit.
- (6) "State public procurement unit" means the central purchasing agency and any other purchasing agency of this state.

LA. REV. STAT. ANN. §39:1702. Cooperative purchasing authorized; participation in federal General Services Administration vendor list

A.(1) Any public procurement unit may either participate in, sponsor, conduct, or administer a cooperative purchasing agreement for the acquisition of any supplies, services, major repairs, or construction with one or more public procurement units or external procurement activities or one or more private procurement units in accordance with an agreement entered into between the participants. Such cooperative purchasing may include but is not limited to joint or multi-party contracts between public procurement units and open-ended state public procurement unit contracts which are made available to local public procurement units.

Link to the full statute can be found here: www.legis.state.la.us/lss/lss.asp?doc=96137