

## Cooperative Purchasing

## Massachusetts

### MASS. GEN. LAWS ANN. ch. 30B, § 2 Definitions

As used in this chapter the following words shall, unless the context requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

"Cooperative purchasing", procurement conducted by, or on behalf of, more than 1 public procurement unit or by a public procurement unit with an external procurement activity.

"External procurement activity", (a) a public agency not located in the commonwealth which would qualify as a public procurement unit; (b) buying by the United States government.

"Governmental body", a city, town, district, regional school district, county, or agency, board, commission, authority, department or instrumentality of a city, town, district, regional school district or county.

"Local public procurement unit", a political subdivision or unit thereof which expends public funds for the procurement of supplies.

"Procurement", buying, purchasing, renting, leasing, or otherwise acquiring a supply or service, and all functions that pertain to the obtaining of a supply or service, including description of requirements, selection and solicitation of sources, preparation and award of contract, and all phases of contract administration.

"Public procurement unit", a local public procurement unit or a state public procurement unit.

"State public procurement unit", the offices of the chief procurement officers and any other purchasing agency of the commonwealth or any other state.

"Supplies", all property, other than real property, including equipment, materials, printing, and insurance and further including services incidental to the delivery, conveyance and installation of such property.

**MASS. GEN. LAWS ANN. ch. 30B, §22.** Cooperative purchasing agreements between public procurement units or public procurement unit and external procurement activity. A public procurement unit may participate in, sponsor, conduct or administer a cooperative purchasing agreement for the procurement of supplies with public procurement units or external procurement activities in accordance with an agreement entered into between the participants. The public procurement unit conducting the procurement of supplies shall do so in a manner that constitutes a full and open competition.