



California cooperative purchasing is authorized by the "Joint Exercise of Powers Act".

California Code
California Government Code
Title 1 General
Division 7 Miscellaneous
Chapter 5 Joint Exercise of Powers
Article 1 Joint Powers Agreements

6502. If authorized by their legislative or other governing bodies, two or more public agencies by agreement may jointly exercise any power common to the contracting parties, even though one or more of the contracting agencies may be located outside this state. It shall not be necessary that any power common to the contracting parties be exercisable by each such contracting party with respect to the geographical area in which such power is to be jointly exercised....

NJPA Interpretation

The statute authorizes "public agencies" to participate in cooperative purchasing agreements like those established by NJPA. The State's definition of public agencies include another state or any state department or agency, a county, county board of education, county superintendent of schools, city, public corporation, public district, regional transportation commission of this state or another state.

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