



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 **[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]** 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....

**[For the purposes of California law, the two public agencies would be a state or local government or educational institution and NJPA which would be considered a “public district” of “another state” (Minnesota)].**

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