

Illinois Legal References

30 Ill. Com. Stat. § 525/2 (2017). Joint purchasing authority

(a) Any governmental unit, except a governmental unit subject to the jurisdiction of a chief procurement officer established in Section 10-20 of the Illinois Procurement Code, may purchase personal property, supplies and services jointly with one or more other governmental units. All such joint purchases shall be by competitive solicitation as provided in Section 4, except as otherwise provided in this Act. The provisions of any other acts under which a governmental unit operates which refer to purchases and procedures in connection therewith shall be superseded by the provisions of this Act when the governmental units are exercising the joint powers created by this Act.

(a-5) For purchases made by a governmental unit subject to the jurisdiction of a chief procurement officer established in Section 10-20 of the Illinois Procurement Code, the applicable chief procurement officer established in Section 10-20 of the Illinois Procurement Code may authorize the purchase of supplies and services jointly with a governmental unit of this State, governmental entity of another state, or with a consortium of governmental entities of one or more other states, except as otherwise provided in this Act. Subject to provisions of the joint purchasing solicitation, the appropriate chief procurement officer may designate the resulting contract as available to governmental units in Illinois.

About Sourcewell:

Sourcewell is a service cooperative created by the Minnesota legislature as a local unit of government. Minn. Const. art. XII, sec. 3. As a public corporation and agency, Sourcewell is governed by local elected municipal officials and school board members. Minn. Stat. § 123A.21 Subd. 4 (2017). Under its enabling statute, Sourcewell is explicitly authorized to provide cooperative purchasing services to eligible members. Id. at Subd. 7(23).

Sourcewell follows the competitive contracting law process to solicit, evaluate and award cooperative purchasing contracts for goods and services. Sourcewell cooperative purchasing contracts are made available through the joint exercise of powers law to member agencies. Minn. Stat. § 471.59 (2017). Membership in Sourcewell is available for all eligible state and local governments, education, higher education and nonprofit entities across North America. § 123A.21 at Subd. 3.