

Missouri Legal References

State Agencies:

Mo. Rev. Stat. § 34.046 (2017). Contract directly with other governmental entities for purchase of supplies

The commissioner of administration may contract directly with other governmental entities for the purchase of supplies. The commissioner of administration may also participate in, sponsor, conduct or administer a cooperative purchasing agreement whereby supplies are procured in accordance with a contract established by another governmental entity provided that such contract was established in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable to the establishing governmental entity.

Local Governments:

Mo. Rev. Stat. § 70.220 (2017). Political subdivisions may cooperate with each other, with other states, the United States or private persons--tax distribution agreement, authorized for certain counties and cities (Buchanan County and city of St. Joseph, Greene County and city of Springfield)

1. Any municipality or political subdivision of this state, as herein defined, may contract and cooperate with any other municipality or political subdivision, or with an elective or appointive official thereof, or with a duly authorized agency of the United States, or of this state, or with other states or their municipalities or political subdivisions, or with any private person, firm, association or corporation, for the planning, development, construction, acquisition or operation of any public improvement or facility, or for a common service; provided, that the subject and purposes of any such contract or cooperative action made and entered into by such municipality or political subdivision shall be within the scope of the powers of such municipality or political subdivision.

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.