

Resolution 1008

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING
Joint Purchasing and Cooperative Purchasing**

Whereas, voluntary purchasing agreements between and among state governments, state and local governments, and local governments have been shown to improve competition, quality, and services, and provide lower prices for goods and services, and

Whereas, intergovernmental agreements, although widely varied, generally may be characterized as either Joint Purchasing agreements or Cooperative Purchasing agreements, and

Whereas, Joint Purchasing is a result of written contract or legislative action, between two or more local governments, to create a consolidated purchasing office, which may charge an internal fee to program participants, has been shown to reduce, or eliminate, staff costs, avoid duplication of efforts, provide price savings, improve service, and

Whereas, Cooperative Purchasing results from written agreements wherein lead agencies volunteer to purchase specified commodities or services for themselves and participating cooperative members by compiling quantity estimates, preparing the solicitation, receiving bid/proposals and awarding a contract for mandatory use by all participating members. And, wherein the lead agency is responsible for placing, receipt and payment of its own orders only, while individual participating members separately process and pay for their own requirements.

Now, therefore, the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, by this resolution, urges all public purchasing officials to take a proactive role in the development of Joint Purchasing and Cooperative Purchasing agreements, urging initiative to foster, design, and administer intergovernmental purchasing agreements.

The above resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing at its official meeting on the 3rd day of August, 1993.

I certify that the above resolution was reviewed and ratified by the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing at its official meeting on the 11th day of November, 1995.

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