

67-9224. – Cooperative and Group Discount Purchasing.

(1) The administrator may authorize an agency to:

- (a) Participate in, sponsor, conduct or administer a cooperative purchasing agreement for property with one or more public agencies, independent of the requirements of section 67-2329 Idaho Code;
- (b) Become a participating member of a group discount purchasing organization; and
- (c) Utilize contracts of other states or local governments within or outside this state, upon determining that the contract was let in a manner that constitutes competitive bidding consistent with the requirements of this Act and is otherwise in the best interest of the state.

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(2) The state's participation in a cooperative purchase or group discount purchasing organization must be formalized by a written contract.

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(b) The property to be acquired is less costly to the state than if acquired by other means authorized in this chapter; ¶
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(3) The state's entrance fee or participation fee in a group discount purchasing organization must be based on criteria applied to all other members of the organization.

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(4) Any contract entered into pursuant to this section shall be maintained on file with the division as well as with the agency entering into the contract.

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