

**67-9224. Cooperative and Group Discount Purchasing.**

~~(1)~~ ~~(4)~~ 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; or

~~(a)~~ ~~(c)~~ if the administrator finds that: Utilize contracts of other public agencies within 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.

~~(a)~~ The property to be acquired is at least equal in quality to same or similar property that the agency uses;

~~(1)~~ The property to be acquired is less costly to the state than if acquired by other means authorized in this chapter;

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

~~(2)~~ that extends for no longer than one (1) year at a time; and

~~(3)~~ The state's entrance fee or participation fee in the a group discount purchasing organization must be is based on criteria applied to all other members of the organization.

~~(4)~~ Any ~~contract agreement~~ entered into pursuant to ~~subthis~~ section (2) of this section shall be maintained on file with the division as well as with the agency entering into the ~~contract~~ agreement.

~~(3)~~ Property acquired pursuant to this section shall be used solely by the state and may not be transferred from state ownership until it is no longer of use to the state. Such property may not be provided to individuals except those in the custody of the state or those receiving direct personal services from the state.