

# Oklahoma Authority

## Statutory Authority.:

The Oklahoma Interlocal Cooperation Act ("OICA") governs the power of political subdivisions in Oklahoma to cooperate or contract with other governmental units. See OKLA. ST. ANN. tit. 74 §1001, et seq. OICA specifically permits local governmental units to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to cooperate with other localities, and political subdivisions of another state. OKLA. ST. ANN. tit. 74 §§1001, 1003.

Texas Education Code, Chapter 8, provides for the establishment and operation of regional education service centers, which are charged in part with enabling school districts to operate more efficiently and economically. TEX. EDUC. CODE §8.001, et seq. The Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act authorizes local governments, such as regional education service centers, to contract with one another and with local governments of other states, to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of local governments. TEX. GOV'T CODE §§791.001, et seq.

The Organization of Rural Oklahoma Schools (OROS) has determined that participation in TIPS satisfies all purchasing requirements of Oklahoma public agencies. This Agreement between the undersigned Oklahoma public agency and ESC8 provides the legal process for participation in TIPS.