

## NEBRASKA AUTHORITY

Authority for such services in Nebraska is granted under Nebraska Government law. NEB. REV. STAT §13-2501, et seq.. These competitively bid cooperative purchasing services are extended to all Nebraska State, City and County Government Agencies. TICA also expressly states that a party to an interlocal contract may contract with a similar agency of another state. TEX. GOV'T CODE §791.011 (b) (2). A school district is a local government in Nebraska. A Regional Education Service Center is a political subdivision of the State of Texas. See TEX. EDUC. CODE § 8.001, et seq. Therefore, an interlocal purchasing cooperative administered by a Regional Service Center in Texas has statutory authority to contract or agree with a Nebraska public school district or other local government of Nebraska. The Nebraska Joint Public Agency act generally permits interlocal cooperation as well. See NEB. REV. STAT. § 13-2501, et seq. Specifically, the Act permits a public agency of the State of Nebraska to exercise any power, privilege or authority jointly with any other public agency of Nebraska or any public agency of another state. See Id at § 13.2505. Under the Act a "public agency" is defined as any county, city village, school district of agency of Nebraska state government, and any political subdivision of another state. Id at § 13.2503 (5). Finally under the Act, two or more public agencies may contract for the joint cooperation permitted under the Act. Id at § 13-2504. As previously noted, the Region VIII Service Center is considered a political subdivision of the State of Texas for the purposes of the Nebraska Joint Public Agency Act.