

LOUISIANA AUTHORITY

Louisiana Law permits a public procurement unit, such as a school district, to participate in or sponsor a cooperative purchasing agreement for the acquisition of supplies, services, major repairs or construction with one or more external procurement activities. A.REV.STAT.ANN §39:1702(a)(1); and LAREV.STATE.ANN §38.2212.1(F). The definition of "external procurement activities" is any buying organization not located in Louisiana, which if located in Louisiana, would qualify as a public procurement unit. LA.REV.STAT.ANN §39:1701(5). A public procurement unit includes any subdivision of the state or public agency of the state. LA.REV.STAT.ANN §39:1701(3). An education service center is a political subdivision of the state and would qualify as a public procurement unit if located in the state of Louisiana. Tex. Educ.Code § 8.001. et seq. Therefore, Louisiana public school districts possess statutory authority to enter into cooperative purchasing agreements with a Texas Regional Education Service Center.