613. COOPERATIVE PURCHASING

1. Authority

The Joint Operating Committee recognizes the advantages of centralized purchasing. Therefore, the Joint Operating Committee encourages the administration to seek the benefits and savings that may accrue through joint agreements with other political subdivisions for the purchase of supplies, equipment or services.

SC 751, 1850.1
53 Pa. C.S.A. 2304 et seq

2. Delegation of Responsibility

The Joint Operating Committee authorizes the Business Administrator to negotiate appropriate cooperative purchase agreements with other political subdivisions, in accordance with law and Joint Operating Committee policy.

3. Guidelines

Cooperative purchases shall require an agreement approved by the Joint Operating Committee and the participating contracting body(s) which may specify:

1. Categories of equipment or supplies to be purchased.
2. Manner of advertising for bids and awarding contracts.
3. Method of payment by each participating party.
4. Other matters deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of the agreement.

All such agreements must conform to relevant provisions of the School Code.

SC 807.1
53 Pa. C.S.A. 2304 et seq