

HOUSE No. 2975

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to procurement..

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 2 of Chapter30B of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting the following definitions -

3 “Cooperative purchasing” means procurement conducted by, or on behalf of, more than
4 one public procurement unit, or by a public procurement unit with an external procurement
5 activity.

6 "External procurement activity" means: (a) any public agency not located in this State
7 which would qualify as a public procurement unit; (b) buying by the United States government.

8 "Local public procurement unit" means any political subdivision or unit thereof which
9 expends public funds for the procurement of supplies, services, or construction.

10 "Public procurement unit" means either a local public procurement unit or a state public
11 procurement unit.

12 “State public procurement unit” means the offices of the chief procurement officers and
13 any other purchasing agency of this or any other State.

14 SECTION 2. Section 20 of Chapter 30B of the General Laws is hereby amended by
15 inserting at the end thereof the following -

16 “ Any public procurement unit may participate in, sponsor, conduct, or administer a
17 cooperative purchasing agreement for the procurement of any supplies, services, or construction
18 with one or more public procurement units or external procurement activities in accordance with
19 an agreement entered into between the participants.”