

Are you ready to outsource one or more of your financial aid services but not looking forward to the RFP process? **We have a solution – cooperative buying.**

Your state allows for cooperative buying also known as piggybacking on another valid contract. Contracts that have been competitively bid by another public higher education institution (in-state or out-of-state) can in some instances be utilized by another college or university assuming the secondary institution follows the same terms as the original contract.

Consider the Advantages

- **Competitive pricing.** Since the contract has already been competitively bid, you leverage the negotiating power of the original contract, which may be for a larger institution and more competitively priced than you are able to secure on your own.
- **Eliminate the hassle of an RFP.** RFPs take precious time and resources. You and others at your institution could spend hours writing the RFP document, holding vendor meetings, reviewing responses, negotiating contract and pricing terms, and selecting the right vendor.
- **Quicker startup.** Leveraging an existing contract saves time and allows you to implement the products and services much quicker than going through an entire RFP and contracting process.

We are here to help connect you with higher education institutions that have already competitively bid our services to take the worry out of the competitive bidding process for you because it has already been done. Taking advantage of this opportunity allows you to quickly implement our services and stay focused on what is important – your students and helping them succeed!

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Connecticut Statutes
Title 7 Municipalities
Chapter 105 Fire, Sewer and Other Districts

Sec. 7-339a. Interlocal agreements. Definitions.

As used in sections 7-339a to 7-339l, inclusive, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context: "Public agency" means any municipality, as defined in section 7-148cc, of the state of Connecticut, and any local governmental unit, subdivision or special district of another state; "interlocal agreement" means an agreement entered into pursuant to said sections; "interlocal advisory board" means a board established pursuant to said sections; "participating public agency" means a party to an interlocal agreement; "legislative body" has the meaning assigned to it by section 1-1 but, where the legislative body is the town meeting, the requirements of said sections as to providing the opportunity for public comment shall not apply.

Sec. 7-339b. Subjects of interlocal agreements

(a) Any public agency of this state may participate in developing and implementing interlocal agreements with any public agency or agencies of this state or any other state or states providing for any of the following:

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- (1) The joint performance of any function that each participating public agency may perform separately under any provision of the general statutes or of any special act, charter or home rule ordinance.

Sec. 7-339c. Procedure for entering agreements.

- (a) Interlocal agreements shall be negotiated and shall contain all provisions on which there is mutual agreement between the participating public agencies. Such agreements shall establish a process for amendment, termination and withdrawal. The public agencies proposing an interlocal agreement shall submit to the legislative body of each participating public agency a copy of the proposed interlocal agreement for ratification or rejection. The legislative body of each participating public agency shall provide the opportunity for public comment before voting to ratify or reject such proposed agreement. For purposes of this section, providing the opportunity for public comment does not require a legislative body to conduct a public hearing.
- (b) For any municipality in which the legislative body is the town meeting, such legislative body may, by resolution, vote to delegate its authority to ratify or reject a proposed interlocal agreement to the board of selectmen, provided such board of selectmen provides the opportunity for public comment in accordance with this section.

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