

**JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS
AGREEMENT**



This Agreement is Between the National Joint Powers Alliance® (NJPA) and

Public Utility District No. 1 of Lewis County

(participating governmental agency)

Agreement. The participants in this Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, hereinafter referred to as the Agreement, agree to jointly or cooperatively exercise certain powers common to them for the procurement of various goods and services by the participants. The term "governmental agency" as defined and used in this Agreement, includes any city, county, town, school district, education agency, post-secondary institution, governmental agency or other political subdivision of any agency of any state of the United States or any other country that allows for the Joint Exercise of Powers, and includes any instrumentality of a governmental agency. For the purpose of this section, an instrumentality of a governmental agency means an instrumentality having independent policy making and appropriating authority.

Purpose. The purpose of this Agreement is to allow for the cooperative efforts to provide for contract and vendor relationships to purchase supplies, materials, equipment or services (hereinafter referred to as goods and services,) as a result of the current and active competitive bidding process exercised by a legal qualifying bidding agency on behalf of governmental and other qualifying agencies. Qualified customers may forgo the competitive bidding process as a result of this action and process provided on the agencies behalf. Reference the Uniform Municipal Contracting Law MN Statute 471.345 subd 15. This provision is made possible as a result of the purchasing contract development through a national governmental agency association's purchasing alliance.

Whereas, parties to this Agreement are defined as governmental agencies in their respective states;

and Whereas, this Agreement is intended to be made pursuant to the various Joint Exercise of Powers Acts of the states or nations of the respective participating governmental agencies which authorizes two or more governmental agencies to exercise jointly or cooperatively powers which they possess in common;

and Whereas, the undersigned Participating Governmental Agency asserts it is authorized by Intergovernmental Cooperation Statutes to enter into an agreement with NJPA to cooperate in procurement of goods and services; and Whereas, NJPA asserts it is a Minnesota Service Cooperative created and governed under Minnesota Statute §123A.21 authorized by Minnesota Statute §471.59 to "jointly or cooperatively exercise any power common to the contracting parties";

and Whereas, the undersigned Participating Governmental Agency and NJPA desire to enter into a "Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement" for the purpose of accessing available purchasing contracts for goods and services from each other which can be most advantageously done on a cooperative basis;

Now Therefore, it is mutually agreed as follows:

1. The Parties to this agreement shall provide in a cooperative manner access to each other's purchasing efforts to procure supplies, equipment, materials and services hereinafter referred to as "goods and services",
2. The Parties to this Agreement will adhere to any and all applicable laws pertaining to the purchasing of goods and services as they pertain to the laws of their state or nation,
3. Either Party to this Agreement may terminate their participation in this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice,
4. Neither Party to this Agreement claims any proprietary interest of any nature whatsoever in any of the other participants in this Agreement
5. Each party agrees that it will be responsible for its own acts and the result thereof to the extent authorized by law and shall not be responsible for the acts of the other party and the results thereof. NJPA's liability shall be governed by the provisions of the Minnesota Tort Claims Act, Minnesota Statutes, Section §3.736, and other applicable law;

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- 6. Both Parties to this Agreement agree to abide by all of the general rules and regulations and policies of the participating agencies that they are receiving goods and services from;
- 7. Both Parties to this Agreement agree to strict accountability of all public funds disbursed in connection with this joint exercise of powers;
- 8. Both Parties to this Agreement agree to provide for the disposition of any property or surplus moneys (as defined by the participant) acquired as a result of this joint exercise of powers in proportion to the contributions of the governing bodies and;
- 9. Both Parties to this Agreement acknowledge their individual responsibility to gain ratification of this agreement through their governing body.

This Agreement allows for the NJPA to provide procurement contracts on behalf of all qualified participating agencies pursuant to the Uniform Municipal Contracting law, MN Statute §471.345 Subd 15.

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION (Required Fields)**

Applicant Name: ** Public Utility District No. 1 of Lewis County
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Reference:
 Minnesota Joint Exercise of Powers
 M.S. 471.59

Participating Agency
 Joint Exercise of Powers Authority
 granted under State Statute

THE UNDERSIGNED PARTIES HAVE AGREED THIS DAY TO THE ABOVE CONDITIONS.

Public Utility District No. 1
 Member Name: of Lewis County

National Joint Powers Alliance®

By
 AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE
 Its Manager
 TITLE
07/01/2015
 DATE

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE
CEO
 TITLE
7/6/15
 DATE

Completed applications may be returned to:

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