

SENATE BILL NO. 303

BY SENATOR CLOUD

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 39:1702(A)(1) and to enact R.S. 39:1702(D), relative to the  
3 Louisiana Procurement Code; to provide for cooperative purchasing for information  
4 technology systems; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 39:1702(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 39:1702(D)  
8 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §1702. Cooperative purchasing authorized; participation in federal General Services  
10 Administration vendor list

11 A.(1) Any public procurement unit may either participate in, sponsor,  
12 conduct, or administer a cooperative purchasing agreement for the acquisition of any  
13 supplies, services, personal, professional, consulting, and social services, major  
14 repairs, or construction with one or more public procurement units or external  
15 procurement activities or one or more private procurement units in accordance with  
16 an agreement entered into between the participants. ~~Such cooperative purchasing~~  
17 ~~may include but is not limited to joint or multi-party contracts between public~~  
18 ~~procurement units and open-ended state public procurement unit contracts which are~~

1 made available to local public procurement units. Procurement units within the  
 2 executive branch of state government which are subject to the authority of the  
 3 Office of Technology Services pursuant to R.S. 39:15.1 may also utilize this Part  
 4 for the procurement of information technology systems and information  
 5 technology services as provided in Part V-A of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of this  
 6 Title. Nothing in this Part shall be construed to expand or limit the authority  
 7 of the Office of Technology Services as established in R.S. 39:15.1 through 15.3.  
 8 Such cooperative purchasing may include but is not limited to:

9 (a) Joint or multi-party contracts between public procurement units.

10 (b) Open-ended state public procurement unit contracts which are made  
 11 available to public procurement units.

12 (c) Contracts between a public procurement unit and an external  
 13 procurement activity under which the public procurement unit accesses and  
 14 utilizes an existing information technology system belonging to the external  
 15 procurement activity in exchange for payment of a share of the costs associated  
 16 with the system. The public procurement unit shall not be required to  
 17 participate in a competitive procurement process for such contracts, provided  
 18 that the external procurement activity originally acquired the system by means  
 19 of a contract procured through a competitive procurement process.

20 \* \* \*

21 D. Procurement units within the executive branch of government which  
 22 are subject to the authority of the Office of Technology Services pursuant to  
 23 R.S. 39:15.1 may procure information technology systems and services as  
 24 provided in Part V-A of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of this Title from the General  
 25 Services Administration supply schedules. Such purchases need not comply  
 26 with the competitive bidding requirements of this Chapter.

27 Section 2. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Interstate Technology  
 28 Collaboration Act".

29 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
 30 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

1 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
2 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
3 effective on the day following such approval.

---

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

---

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

---

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_