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Re: Rhode Island Municipal Purchasing Agents Association (RIMPPA) – Approval of
Purchasing Cooperatives

Dear Mr Airozo:

I am writing to confirm this office's approval of the interlocal purchasing cooperatives set forth in the attachment to your correspondence of November 24, 2010

As you know, Section 45-40.1-4 (f) of the Rhode Island General Laws states, "Every agreement made under this chapter shall, prior to and as a condition precedent to its entry into force, be submitted to the attorney general who shall determine whether the agreement is in proper form and in compliance with the laws of this state. The attorney general shall approve any agreement submitted to him or her unless he or she finds that it does not meet the conditions established by this chapter, and shall state, in writing, addressed to the governing bodies of the public agencies concerned, the specific respects in which the proposed agreement fails to meet the requirements of law. Failure of the attorney general to disapprove an agreement submitted under this chapter within fifteen (15) days of its submission constitutes approval of the agreement."

Based upon the information you have submitted, the following collaborative and cooperative purchasing groups are approved pursuant to the aforementioned statute:

- Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies
- Commonwealth of Massachusetts Procurement Access and Solicitation System
- State of Connecticut Department of Administrative Services
- U.S. General Services Administration
- National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance
- National Joint Purchasing Alliance
- Plymouth County Sheriff's Department Cooperative Procurement Program

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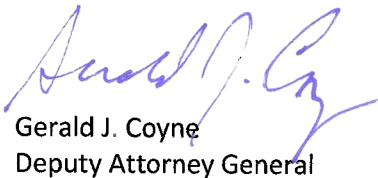
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- Rhode Island Energy Aggregation Program (R.I. League of Cities and Towns)
- Rhode Island Municipal Purchasing Agent Association
- The Cooperative Purchasing Network
- U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance
- Western State Contracting Alliance.

It is recommended that communities seeking to purchase goods or services through these collaborative and cooperative purchasing groups should consult with their own solicitor to ensure that the municipality's rights are adequately protected regarding a specific transaction.

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Gerald J. Coyne
Deputy Attorney General