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Section

- 1** **Cooperative purchase.** Provides that in determining best value for state purchases, the commissioner of administration may seek to combine purchases across multiple government units to achieve volume discounts. Provides that when awarding a contract to more than one vendor is in the best interest of the state, the commissioner shall expand choices available to agencies by recognizing contracts bid by a national purchasing alliance domiciled in Minnesota at the time the contract is bid by other vendors.

Provides that to be eligible under this section an association's acquisition methods must comply with specified laws governing purchasing by state agencies. Provides that contracts under this section may not include items available for purchase from Department of Corrections industries.