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Permits the commissioner of administration to enter into a cooperative purchasing agreement for provision of goods, services, and utilities with governmental units and nonprofit organizations, a registered combined charitable organization, a charitable organization that is also a recipient of a state grant or contract, or any entity recognized by another state's statutes as allowed to use that state's commodity or service contracts. This is in addition to other states or governmental units.

Minn. Stat. § 16C.23, subd. 1, defines "governmental unit or nonprofit organization" as "a governmental unit as defined in section 471.59, subdivision 1, an Indian tribal government, and any nonprofit and tax-exempt medical institution, hospital, clinic, health center, school, school system, college, university, or other institution organized and existing for any purpose authorized by federal law to accept surplus federal property."

Minn. Stat. § 309.50, subd. 4, defines "charitable organization" as "any person who engages in or purports to engage in solicitation for a charitable purpose and includes a chapter, branch, area office or similar affiliate or any person soliciting contributions within the state for a parent charitable organization, but does not include an organization whose primary purpose is supporting or opposing any candidate for elective office, or influencing the nomination for election or the election of any candidate for elective office."