

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law authorizes local governments to use group purchasing organizations (GPOs) for procurement of materials, equipment, or supplies, including related installations. Requires the GPO to submit a price list and maintain those prices for at least three months and for those prices to be deemed a valid and binding bid.

New law prohibits the price lists from being considered public records, but provides that the portion of the price list incorporated into a contract becomes a public record upon bid opening or contract execution.

New law defines “qualified group purchasing organization” as an organization of which two or more of the local governmental subdivisions are participating or voting members and which solicit proposals or bids from vendors of materials, equipment, supplies, or services of the type and nature as may be purchased by any such department, agency, or nonprofit corporation. Includes an external procurement activity as defined in existing law (R.S. 39:1556).

New law authorizes local governments to purchase through a qualified GPO when the price is lower than state contract pricing or when the item is not available on the state bid list. Prohibits purchases through non-qualified entities without using other state procurement processes.

New law authorizes a contract to be awarded for a required supply, service, or major repair without competition when, under regulations, the chief procurement officer determines, in writing, that there is only one source for the required supply, service, or major repair item.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 38:2212.1(Q) and (R))