

751—5.20(8D) Purchasing cooperative or consortium.

5.20(1) Membership. The commission may join a purchasing cooperative or consortium composed of public or private entities, or both, for the purpose of reducing overall telecommunications business costs for the commission and its authorized users.

5.20(2) Prior to joining a purchasing cooperative or consortium, the commission shall review membership obligations to ensure that the commission's membership obligations are not inconsistent with the laws and rules governing the commission.

5.20(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subrules 5.20(1) and 5.20(2), the commission may purchase goods and services through the cooperative or consortium without conducting a separate competitive bidding process so long as the cooperative or consortium uses or used a competitive bidding process or procedure.