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**RE: Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission
Cooperative Pricing System Identifier #34HUNCCP**

We here at the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission have recently received inquiries from some prospective Members as to whether projects bid on behalf of the HCESC Cooperative Pricing System comply with the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.). Please accept this letter as formal confirmation that the HCESC Cooperative Pricing System is explicitly authorized by the LPCL and the relevant regulations (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.), and that all purchases made by the HCESC are in accordance with the requirements of the LPCL.

As required by law, the Cooperative Pricing System has been formally approved by the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs and has been assigned a system identifier accordingly. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.4, HCESC serves as “lead agency” and “joint contracting agent” on behalf of the Cooperative Pricing System. In its role as lead agency/joint contracting agent, the HCESC is responsible for complying with all of the bidding requirements of the PSCL (see N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(4)), and the contracts awarded by the HCESC on behalf of the Cooperative Pricing System can be used by its Members as though the Members have bid the projects themselves.

If any Member has any questions regarding either the legal authority or process for utilizing HCESC contracts, please do not hesitate to contact us.