

**Authorizing An Agreement With The Empire State Municipal Purchasing Group To Participate In Group Bids - Department Of Purchasing**

Referred to: The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Gregorius, Maio, Maloney, and Richard Parete)

Chairman of The Ways and Means Committee, Richard A. Gerentine, and Deputy Chairman Donald J. Gregorius offer the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted by the County Executive on behalf of the Department of Purchasing; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Director of Purchasing has indicated that significant savings can be achieved through a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between Ulster County and the Empire State Municipal Purchasing Group wherein commodity and service needs are combined to offer prospective vendors higher volume opportunities; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of Ulster County to obtain quality goods and services at the most economical prices; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the Empire State Municipal Purchasing Group would provide for the collaborative procurement of bid goods and services and would provide greater purchasing leverage to Ulster County; and

WHEREAS, any procurement would be based on the purchasing policy of Ulster County and each signatory municipality would handle its own order and payment processing; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby authorizes the County of Ulster, through its Purchasing Department, to participate in the Empire State Municipal Purchasing Group and authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature of Ulster County to execute an intermunicipal cooperation agreement, and any amendments thereto, with other local governments forming the Empire State Municipal Purchasing Group for the purpose of fulfilling and implementing cooperative procurement;

and move its adoption.

