

2024-2025 Work Plan for OPEGA Evaluations and Related Work

Work Plan for OPEGA Evaluations (2025-2026)						
Evaluation Topic	General Scope	Request Presented	Project Approved by GOC	Scope/Parameters Approved	OPEGA Work Phase by Year	Scope / Parameters
GOC Approved Projects						
Special Project--Dorothea Dix and Riverview Staff, Safety, and Other Topics	Staffing & safety: including staff perspectives, departmental data, and management responses to areas of GOC inquiry.	10/16/2024	10/16/2024	10/16/2024	2/14/2025: Reported to GOC	
Maine Veterans' Homes	Assessing MVH's internal controls over spending in relation to budgetary limits and related processes	2/10/2023	2/10/2023	9/20/2023	2023: Preliminary Inquiry 2024: Preliminary Research and Fieldwork 4/11/2025: Reported to GOC	Click for scope
Office of Cannabis Policy	Conflict of interest concerns over contracting activity in the Office of Cannabis Policy	2/14/2025	2/14/2025	4/11/2025	2025: Preliminary Research and Fieldwork 9/17/25: Reported to GOC	Click for scope
Department of Health and Human Services	Timeliness of payments by DHHS for foster children in daycare	2/28/2025	2/28/2025	4/11/2025	2025: Preliminary Research and Fieldwork Q1 2026: Reporting (expected)	Click for scope
Juniper Ridge Landfill	Questions about the operation of the Juniper Ridge Landfill	2/14/2025	2/14/2025	4/11/2025 (provisional scope)	2025: Planning & Preliminary Research	Click for scope
Seed Potato Certification Program	Understanding of purpose of program; inspection frequency and adequacy	9/17/2025	10/15/2025	12/17/2025	2025: Planning 2026: Preliminary Research and Fieldwork	Click for scope
Office of Child and Family Services	Chelsea kinship placement case file review	9/17/2025	10/15/2025	10/15/2025	2026: Planning	

Tax Expenditure Projects						
Special Project- Student Loan Repayment Tax Credit	Special Project	n/a	5/9/2025	5/9/2025	9/17/2025: Reported to GOC	
Major Business Headquarters Expansion Credit	Full evaluation of tax expenditure (3 MRSA §999)	n/a	n/a	4/18/2023	Reporting Planned Nov 2025	Click for parameters
Deduction for Interest & Dividends on Maine State and Local Securities-- Individual Income Tax & Corporate Income Tax	Full evaluation of tax expenditure (3 MRSA §999)	n/a	n/a	Expected 12/2025	2026: Fieldwork and Reporting	
Affordable Housing Credit	Full evaluation of tax expenditure (3 MRSA §999)	n/a	n/a	Expected 12/2025	2026: Fieldwork and Reporting	

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Earned Income Credit	Full evaluation of tax expenditure (3 MRSA §999)	n/a	n/a	Expected 12/2025	2026: Fieldwork 2027: Fieldwork and Reporting	

New Requests (2025)			
Evaluation Topic	Request Presented	GOC Activity & Notes	Status
Home Energy Assistance Program	2/14/2025	3/28/25: Agency representative(s) appeared before GOC to respond to questions.	Request closed
Secretary of State's Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions	2/14/2025	2/14/25: GOC voted to forward the election integrity concerns to Attorney General and Secretary of State.	Request closed
DHHS: Freedom of Access Act (FOAA) re. daycare payments	2/28/2025	4/25/25: Public Access Ombudsman appeared before GOC to present an advisory opinion.	Pending any further GOC consideration
DHHS and DOE: childcare	9/17/2025	9/17/25: Representative White unable to attend meeting to request in person. Director Schleck read letter to Committee.	Matter now in Federal litigation
DHHS: FOAA request costs	9/17/2025	10/15/25: GOC voted to send a letter requesting information to the Right to Know Advisory Committee. Response received 10/22/25. 11/19/25: DHHS Commissioner appeared before GOC to respond to questions.	Pending any further GOC consideration
Secretary of State: Drivers Licenses	11/19/2025	12/17/25: Representatives from Bureau of Motor Vehicles appeared before GOC to respond to questions. Committee requested follow up information to be discussed at a future meeting.	Under consideration by GOC