

## 2024-2026 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
<b>GOC Approved Projects</b>						
<b>Special Project</b> --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	<a href="#">Click for scope</a>
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	<a href="#">Click for scope</a>
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 2/27/2026: Reported to GOC	<a href="#">Click for scope</a>
Juniper Ridge Landfill	Questions about the operation of the Juniper Ridge Landfill	2/14/2025	2/14/2025	4/11/2025	2025: Planning 2026: Preliminary Research	<a href="#">Click for scope</a>
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	<a href="#">Click for scope</a>
Office of Child and Family Services	Chelsea kinship placement case file review	9/17/2025	10/15/2025	10/15/2025	2026: Planning	tbd
Department of Administrative and Financial Services	16 sole source non-competitive procurements	1/23/2026	1/23/2026	tbd	2026: Planning	tbd
MaineCare Program Integrity	Risk assessment of the program integrity unit	1/23/2026	2/27/2026	tbd	2026: Planning	tbd
Department of Health and Human Services	Contract Administration in DHHS	3/27/2026	5/20/2026	tbd	2026: Planning	tbd
<b>Tax Expenditure Projects</b>						
<b>Special Project</b> - Student Loan Repayment Tax Credit	Special Project	n/a	5/9/2025	5/9/2025	9/17/2025: Reported to GOC	<a href="#">Click for parameters</a>
Major Business Headquarters Expansion Credit	Full evaluation of tax expenditure (3 MRSA §999)	n/a	n/a	4/18/2023	11/19/25: Reported to GOC	<a href="#">Click for parameters</a>
<b>30 Day Analysis Project</b> - Affordable Housing Tax Credit	30 Day Project (3 MRSA §998(6))	1/21/2026	1/23/2026	1/23/2026	2/19/26: Submitted to GOC and TAX	<a href="#">click for scope</a>
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	1/9/2026	2026: Fieldwork and Reporting	<a href="#">Click for parameters</a>
<b>Special Project</b> - Improving Transparency for Business Incentives	Special Project	n/a	1/23/2026	1/23/2026	2026: Fieldwork 2027: Fieldwork and Reporting	<a href="#">click for scope</a>

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Affordable Housing Credit	Full evaluation of tax expenditure (3 MRSA §999)	n/a	n/a	1/9/2026	2026: Fieldwork 2027: Fieldwork and Reporting	<a href="#">Click for parameters</a>
Earned Income Credit	Full evaluation of tax expenditure (3 MRSA §999)	n/a	n/a	1/9/2026	TBD	<a href="#">Click for parameters</a>

## Additional New Requests

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. 5/20/2026: GOC received second request from Rep. Milliken, GOC to invite Rep. Milliken to present request	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. 2/13/26: GOC voted to send letter to Transportation Committee and to have 6 mo. report back from BMV.	Under consideration by GOC
DHHS: 2 Additional OCFS Case File Reviews	2/7/2026	2/27/26: request was presented to GOC regarding two recent child deaths. No action taken.	Pending any further GOC consideration
DOC: Prisoner Protection From Abuse	5/20/2026	5/20/26: request presented to GOC.	Under consideration by GOC