

GOC Biennial Work Plan for 2019-2020 (Status updated as of 3-19-19)

#	Project Topic	Resp. Dept.	OPEGA Phase	General Scope	Detailed Scope Avail?
In Progress					
1	Maine Citizen Initiative Process	Secretary of State; Maine Ethics Commission; and Maine State Legislature	Preliminary Research	Trends in activity and characteristics for people's veto and direct initiatives over time; geographic distribution of signatures collected on efforts qualified for ballot; and potential opportunities for improved efficiency, transparency and accountability in the referendum process.	Yes
2	ReEmployME System	Dept. of Labor's Bureau of Unemployment	Preliminary Research	Maine's involvement in the four-state unemployment consortium; development and implementation of ReEmployME System; and DOL response(s) to post-implementation issues experienced by claimants and potential claimants.	No
3	Special Project: (2) Office of Child and Family Services	Dept. of Health and Human Services' Office of Child and Family Services	(2)Planning and Research	(2) Assess status of current DHHS child protective initiatives and impact of those initiatives on noted areas for concern or improvement.	No
4	Tax Expenditure Evaluation: Maine Capital Investment Credit	Maine Revenue Services	Planning	Fiscal impacts, effectiveness of program design; extent to which program is achieving intended purposes and goals; extent to which those benefiting are the intended beneficiaries; administration of the program; and extent to which program is coordinated with, complementary to or duplicative of other programs with similar purposes and goals.	Yes
5	Tax Expenditure Evaluation: Reimbursement for Business Equipment Tax Exemption to Municipalities (BETE) and Reimbursement for Taxes Paid on Certain Business Property (BETR)	Maine Revenue Services	Fieldwork	Fiscal impacts, effectiveness of program design; extent to which program is achieving intended purposes and goals; extent to which those benefiting are the intended beneficiaries; administration of the program; and extent to which program is coordinated with, complementary to or duplicative of other programs with similar purposes and goals.	Yes

Completed					
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1	Special Project: (1) Child Protective Perspectives	Dept. of Health and Human Services' Office of Child and Family Services	Feb. 2019	(1)Gather input and perspectives from OCFS caseworkers and supervisors on factors impacting staff retention and efficiency and effectiveness of child protective work.	No
2	Tax Expenditure Evaluation: Employment Tax Increment Financing	Dept. of Economic and Community Development	Jan. 2019	Fiscal impacts, effectiveness of program design; extent to which program is achieving intended purposes and goals; extent to which those benefiting are the intended beneficiaries; administration of the program; and extent to which program is coordinated with, complementary to or duplicative of other programs with similar purposes and goals.	Yes
Planned					
1	DHHS Audit Functions	Dept. of Health and Human Services		Effectiveness of DHHS audit functions in identifying and addressing fraud, waste and abuse in programs administered by the Department.	No
2	Substance Abuse Treatment Programs in Corrections System	Department of Corrections and Office of Substance Abuse		Effectiveness and/or cost-effectiveness of programs in rehabilitating participants and reducing recidivism.	No

*** OPEGA Review required by statute:** Pine Tree Development Zones pursuant to 30-A §5250-P(2). This review is required to be completed by January 15, 2021. The law designates this as a full review. OPEGA completed a review of PTZ in accordance with the review schedule established by the GOC in 2017.