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**Limited Scope Review of the Design of the Pine Tree Development Zones (PTDZ) Program**

At its meeting on August 14, 2019, the Government Oversight Committee (GOC) added a limited scope review of the design of the Pine Tree Development Zones Program to OPEGA's Work Plan. On December 10, 2019, the GOC voted to approve the project direction for the review. The limited scope review of PTDZ is a special project and not a tax evaluation conducted by OPEGA pursuant to 3 MRSA §999(1)(A). The project scope approved by the GOC is described below.

**Approved Project Scope**

The limited scope review of the PTDZ Program will focus on:

1. The extent to which the PTDZ Program's current design effectively targets the program's newly stated objectives and intended beneficiaries.
2. The degree to which the recommendations of OPEGA's 2017 PTDZ report have been addressed.
3. The alignment of the PTDZ Program with the State's strategic economic development plan under development by the Strategic Planning Task Force led by DECD.