

**Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability
Status Report on Specific Projects In Progress as of 12-20-11**

Topic	Status	Highlights
Child Development Services	Fieldwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GOC approved the scope questions for this review at its May 13, 2011 meeting. • Work on this project had been mainly suspended to give priority to the MGEA review. Work on this project resumed in August 2011. • Fieldwork on this project is well underway and we have begun discussing some preliminary issues with DOE and CDS management. Potentially time consuming work in data analysis and detailed testing still is ahead of us. We may also experience some delays in obtaining the data needed for this work. • OPEGA appreciates the continued cooperation received from all parties. • OPEGA currently plans to release the formal, final report on this review in March 2012. We also hope to be in a position, by the end of January 2012, to discuss any results that may be of particular interest in the work legislative committees are doing this session through informal interim reports or briefings.
Cost Per Prisoner	Fieldwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GOC approved the scope questions for this review at its May 13, 2011 meeting. • Fieldwork on this review had been delayed by work on the State Real Estate Sales project. Work on this review began ramping up again in October 2011. • OPEGA has been prioritizing the planned fieldwork on this review so that we might have earlier results on the segments that could be of most use to legislative committees this session. • We appreciate the cooperation we have been receiving from DOC staff and the DAFS Service Center staff that supports the Department of Corrections. • OPEGA currently plans to have a formal, final report on this review in late February or early March 2012. We also hope to be in a position, by the end of January 2012, to discuss any results that may be of particular interest in the work legislative committees are doing this session through informal interim reports or briefings.
BETR, BETE and TIF	Planning & Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This project is currently suspended. GOC will consider further whether it wants OPEGA to proceed with this study and what the scope would be. As part of this, the Committee has been reviewing the status of actions taken toward evaluating economic development tax incentive programs since OPEGA's report on Economic Development Programs was released in 2006. • OPEGA has also been monitoring current activity in the Taxation and Appropriations Committees related to evaluating tax expenditure programs.