

OPEGA Biennial Work Plan for 2011-2012 (Status updated as of 11-5-12)

Project Topic	Resp Dept	Phase	General Scope	Detailed Scope Avail?
In Progress				
Maine State Housing Authority	Maine Housing Authority	Fieldwork	Results achieved in the Weatherization Program and the effectiveness and efficiency of LIHEAP program administration.	Yes
Office of Information Technology	Dept of Admin and Financial Services	Preliminary Research	Assessment of OIT capacity (fiscal and human resources) and organizational structure for effectively and efficiently supporting the State's current and future technology and information needs.	No
Public Utilities Commission	PUC	Preliminary Research	Accessibility, efficiency and effectiveness of PUC processes available to citizens for pursuing concerns regarding regulated utilities, including PUC's effectiveness in ensuring utility compliance with PUC orders.	No
Special Project: Technical Assistance for Education Committee Contracted Study of Education Funding	NA	NA	OPEGA is providing technical assistance with development and issuance of RFP, selection of consultant, and monitoring of consultant progress and contract deliverables.	No
Completed				
Certificate of Need License	DHHS - Div. of Licensing and Regulation	NA	Information Brief issued on processes and criteria associated with assessing and making decisions on Certificate of Need applications.	No
Child Development Services	Child Development Services/ Dept of Education	NA	Final Report issued on financial management system and controls; roles and responsibilities for management and oversight; primary cost areas in the CDS program and factors driving costs.	Yes
Communications Regarding MaineCare Computer System Weaknesses	DHHS / OIT	NA	Human communications within the Executive Branch and between the Executive and Legislative Branches regarding a MaineCare computer system weakness and its financial impacts on the MaineCare Budget.	Yes
Cost Per Prisoner in the Dept. of Corrections	Dept of Corrections	NA	Information Brief issued on the methodology used and cost components included in Maine's cost per prisoner statistic. Includes comparison of per capita statistics between facilities and facility types as well as information on comparing Maine's cost per prisoner to other States.	Yes
Health Care Services in the Correctional System	Dept of Corrections	NA	Final Report issued on administration of medical and pharmacy contracts; contractors practices in providing health care services.	Yes

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Maine Green Energy Alliance	Efficiency Maine	NA	Final Report issued on how federal grant funds were administered and used.	Yes
Maine State Housing Authority: Review of Certain Expenditures	Maine Housing Authority	NA	First report issued on MSHA expenditures for sponsorships, donations, and memberships; travel and meals, and certain other expenses.	Yes
Maine Turnpike Authority	Maine Turnpike Authority	NA	Final Report issued on use of resources; bonding; governance and oversight; contracting and procurement processes.	No
Sales of State Real Estate	Various	NA	Information Brief issued on sales of State-owned real estate over past five years focusing on degree to which there was public notice of sales, public marketing of properties, current appraisals and use of brokers.	No
Special Project: Investigation into MTA's Purchase of Gift Cards	Maine Turnpike Authority	NA	Disposition of Gift Certificates Pursued with Agency Funds Identified in OPEGA Review of Maine Turnpike Authority	No
Special Project: Investigation into Sale of Real Estate to Maine State Prison Warden	Various	NA	Sale of property on Ship Street Circle in Thomaston to Warden of Maine State Prison	No

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BETR, BETE and TIF	ME Revenue Services (DAFS) Dept of Economic & Community Development (DECD)	Planning	Profile of companies receiving assistance under the BETR & BETE programs; processes & controls to assure companies receiving BETR or BETE assistance meet qualifications; and information on companies receiving both BETR/BETE and TIF benefits.	No
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