

OPEGA Biennial Work Plan for 2013-2014 (Status updated as of 2-11-14)

Project Topic	Resp Dept	Phase	General Scope	Detailed Scope Avail?
In Progress				
Maine Economic Improvement Fund	University of Maine System	Fieldwork	Degree to which legislative intent for the program is being met with regard to allocations and expenditures of MEIF. Also degree to which there are measurable goals and objectives for use of the fund.	Yes
Office of Information Technology	Dept of Admin and Financial Services	Fieldwork	Follow-up to monitor OIT goals and action plans for improvements in project management, disaster recovery and business continuity, and supporting the State's data and information needs.	Yes
Special Project: Tax Expenditure Programs	NA	NA	Analysis and categorization of existing tax expenditure programs and subsequent development of a proposed framework for on-going legislative review and evaluation of tax expenditure programs.	No
State Lottery	DAFS Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations	Fieldwork	Expenses of the State Lottery and extent to which they are controlled and minimized; monitoring of adherence to key provisions of the Lottery System Gaming Contract; governance and oversight of State Lottery; Legislative intent for Lottery revenues; and Lottery considerations for decisions on game offerings and marketing.	Yes
Completed				
Healthy Maine Partnerships' FY13 Contracts and Funding	Dept. of Health and Human Services - MeCDC		Process used to score HMPs; process and decisions related to selecting lead HMP agencies and determining HMP funding levels; and maintenance of documentation supporting HMP scoring and related decisions.	Yes
Maine State Housing Authority: Energy Assistance Programs	Maine Housing Authority		Results achieved in the Weatherization Program and the effectiveness and efficiency of LIHEAP program administration.	Yes
Public Utilities Commission	PUC		Accessibility and responsiveness of PUC processes available to citizens for pursuing concerns regarding regulated utilities, and measures for ensuring PUC regulates in an unbiased, impartial manner.	Yes
Special Project: Technical Assistance for Education Committee Contracted Study of Education Funding	NA		OPEGA provided technical assistance with development and issuance of RFP, selection of consultant, and monitoring of consultant progress and contract deliverables.	No

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Planned				
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
DHHS Workplace Culture and Environment	Dept. of Health and Human Services		Workplace culture and environment within DHHS, including management behavior and treatment of employees, and whether it is conducive to recruiting, retaining and engaging capable, knowledgeable and motivated employees.	No
Suspended				