

**OPEGA Biennial Work Plan for 2011-2012 ( Status updated as of 6-4-12)**

<b>Project Topic</b>	<b>Resp Dept</b>	<b>Phase</b>	<b>General Scope</b>	<b>Detailed Scope Avail?</b>
<b>In Progress</b>				
Child Development Services	Child Development Services Dept of Education	Reporting	Financial management system and controls; role and responsibilities of Dept of Educ; primary cost areas in the CDS program and factors driving costs; and opportunities for containing or better managing costs, while still providing required services.	Yes
Communications Regarding MaineCare Computer System Weaknesses	DHHS / OIT	Preliminary Research	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
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
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
<b>Completed</b>				
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
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
Health Care Services in the Correctional System: Cost Containment and Efficiencies	Dept of Corrections	NA	Information Brief issued on opportunities to contain costs and achieve efficiencies in delivery of health care to prisoners.	No
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	ME State Housing Authority	NA	First report issued on MSHA expenditures for sponsorships, donations, and memberships; travel and meals, and certain other expenses.	Yes

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Maine Turnpike Authority	ME 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	ME 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

**Planned**

Maine State Housing Authority	MSHA	NA	Broad research on MSHA programs, operations and finances will initially be conducted to determine any specific areas that may be worthwhile to examine in more depth.	No
Public Utilities Commission	PUC	NA	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

**Suspended**

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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