

2021-2022 Work Plan for OPEGA Evaluations and Related Work

Updated for the GOC: 5/18/2021

Work Plan for OPEGA Evaluations (2021-2022)		Request Presented	Project Approved by GOC	Scope/Parameters Approved	Target Report Date	OPEGA Work Phase by Year
Evaluation Topic	General Scope					
GOC Approved Projects						
Maine Citizen Initiative Process	Trends in activity and characteristics for people’s veto and direct initiatives; geographic distribution of signatures collected; potential opportunities for improved efficiency, transparency and accountability in the referendum process. (Agencies: Secretary of State, Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices)	10/2/2017	11/9/2017	1/26/2018	2021 Q2	2021: Fieldwork / Report
Seed Capital Investment Tax Credit	Fiscal impacts; effectiveness of program design; extent to which program is achieving purposes and goals; extent to which program is coordinated, complementary or duplicative with respect to other programs. (Agencies: FAME, Maine Revenue Services)	n/a	n/a	1/24/2020	2021 Q3	2021: Fieldwork / Report
Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services (MCILS) - Part II: Indigency Determination	Effectiveness of financial oversight of the commission and economical use of resources. Part II: Indigency determination. (Agencies: MCILS, Judicial Branch)	2/17/2017 2/22/2019	4/12/2019	12/10/2019	2021 Q3	2021: Fieldwork / Report [Part II]
Child Protective Services: Follow-up Survey of Frontline Workers at DHHS/OCFS	Perspectives of OCFS frontline staff following implementation of strategic changes and time since first survey; staff views of work load, quality of work, adequacy of resources, job satisfaction and other factors. (Agencies: DHHS/OCFS)	n/a	3/22/2019			
Child Protective Services: Out of Home Placements for Children Removed from Care by DHHS/OCFS	Out-of-home placement options; extent of hoteling; foster parent recruitment, retention, training, and licensing and responsibilities; support provided to foster parents. (Agencies: DHHS/OCFS)	n/a	3/22/2019			<i>Paused pending Follow-up Survey of Frontline Workers (see above)</i>
Credit for Rehabilitation of Historic Properties		n/a	n/a	<i>Expected 2021 Q2</i>	2021 Q4	2021: Prelim Research / Fieldwork / Report
Research Expense Tax Credit		n/a	n/a	<i>Expected 2021 Q2</i>		

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Upcoming Projects Required by Statute						
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Research Expense Tax Credit		n/a	n/a	<i>Expected 2021 Q2</i>		
Shipbuilding Facility Credit		n/a	n/a			
Tax Benefits for Media Production Companies		n/a	n/a			
Expedited Tax Expenditure Reviews 2021: Conformity with Internal Revenue Code & Inputs to Tangible Products		n/a	n/a	n/a	2021 Q4	2021: Research / Report
Expedited Tax Expenditure Reviews 2022: Necessity of Life Exemptions		n/a	n/a	n/a	2022 Q4	2022: Research / Report

Record of GOC Approvals and Amendments to Work Plan for OPEGA Evaluations

03/26/2021: GOC Approved 2021-2022 Work Plan for OPEGA Evaluations