

## OPEGA@20

### Introduction

In reflecting on the work of the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability (OPEGA) over the past two decades, OPEGA seeks to obtain insights from our customers on how we may be even more effective going forward. Consequently, OPEGA proposes to hire a consultant experienced in the type of oversight services work OPEGA performs, who would conduct an analysis and identify potential opportunities to enhance the utility of our work in relation to our customers, which include the Government Oversight Committee, the Taxation Committee (and other Committees), the Maine State Legislature, and the People of Maine.

### Scope of Work

The review should result in:

- A description of the history and evolution of OPEGA and the work of the office, including OPEGA's dual role in staffing the GOC and producing evaluation reports;
- Identification of the strengths and value of OPEGA and current OPEGA work products;
- Identification of any shifting expectations of OPEGA and OPEGA's work products; and
- Identification of any opportunities for OPEGA to increase the effectiveness of the office's work or meet unmet needs.

To accomplish these results, the review may involve:

- Interviews of a sample of current and former: GOC Chairs and Members, Taxation Committee Chairs and Members, the Legislative Council, representatives from agencies OPEGA has reviewed, current and former OPEGA Directors, OPEGA staff, and other key stakeholders
- Review, as needed, of relevant statute, OPEGA reports, GOC meeting minutes, and other documents
- Consideration of the structures, roles, and experiences of similar offices in other states.

### Deliverable

The selected consultant would be expected to deliver a report to OPEGA and the GOC, which addresses the Scope of Work.

The report would then be the subject of a public discussion with the GOC at a subsequent Committee meeting, at which members could ask questions of the consultant and the OPEGA Director. The Director will submit a formal response at an appropriate interval following the public discussion, and the final report and Director's response will be posted to the OPEGA website.