

## 2021-2022 Work Plan for OPEGA Evaluations and Related Work

Updated for the GOC: 5/18/2021

Work Plan for OPEGA Evaluations (2021-2022)						
Evaluation Topic	General Scope	Request Presented	Project Approved by GOC	Scope/ Parameters Approved	Target Report Date	OPEGA Work Phase by Year
<b>GOC Approved Projects</b>						
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.	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.	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>

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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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<b>Upcoming Projects Required by Statute</b>						
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 Exemptions		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