



OPEGA

Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability
Maine State Legislature

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WE HELP LEGISLATORS  DETERMINE

WHETHER  CURRENT LAWS AND APPROPRIATIONS

ARE ACHIEVING INTENDED RESULTS.   

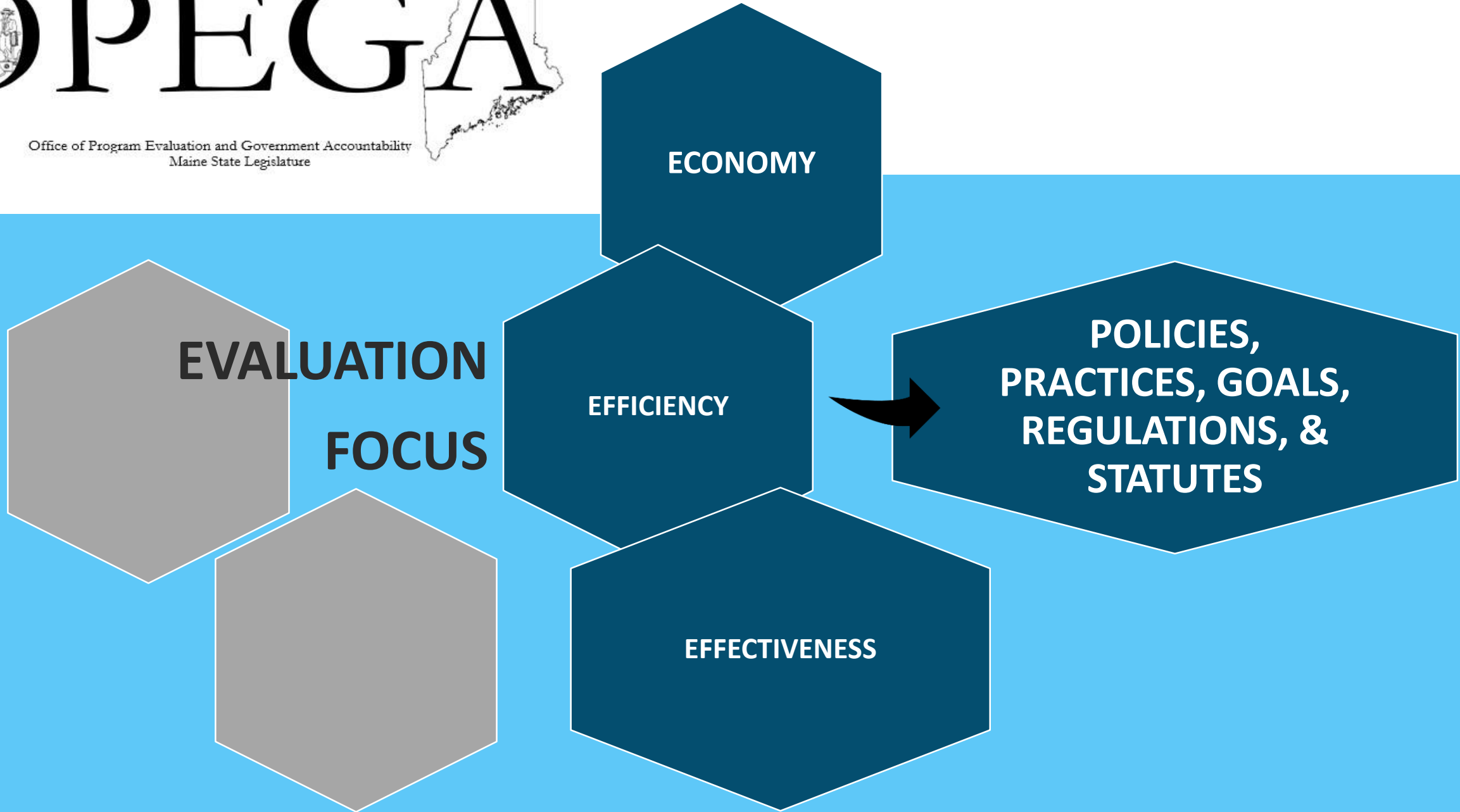


THROUGH PROGRAM EVALUATION:

[which]...means an examination of any government program that includes performance audits, management analysis, inspections, operations, research, or examinations of efficiency, effectiveness, or economy or the evaluation of any tax expenditure....



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**INDEPENDENT
ANALYSIS**

**OBJECTIVE
CRITERIA**

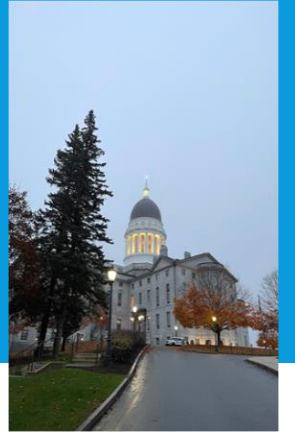
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**PROFESSIONAL
STANDARDS & BEST
PRACTICES**

**QUALITY REPORTING
DESIGNED TO INFORM
& HELP PROMOTE
CONFIDENCE AND
POSITIVE CHANGE**

REPORTS TO :

*THE JOINT GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE (GOC), WHICH SELECTS TOPICS FOR
OPEGA REVIEW*



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Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability

The Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability (OPEGA) exists to support the Legislature in monitoring and improving the performance of State government by conducting independent, objective reviews of State programs and activities with a focus on effectiveness, efficiency and economical use of resources. Within this context, OPEGA also evaluates compliance with laws, regulations, policies and procedures.



Maine State House - mid 1800's

Using an independent perspective, OPEGA:

- provides timely and credible information for identifying risks and making decisions;
- facilitates positive change by recognizing excellence, recommending improvements and working collaboratively to assure effective action is taken; and
- fosters a more complete and accurate understanding of State government through its reports and communications.

[Click here](#) for further description of how OPEGA supports legislative oversight.

OPEGA is a non-partisan, independent legislative office.
Authorizing legislation: MRSA Title 3 §991 - §997.

OPEGA seeks to be a model for best practices in government and is committed to:

Staffing:

- Peter Schleck, Director
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- Jennifer Henderson, Senior Analyst
- Kari Hojara, Analyst
- Joel Lee, Analyst
- Lisa Plimpton, Analyst
- Sabrina Carey, Administrative Secretary

- Independence and objectivity
- Professionalism, ethics and integrity
- Participatory, collaborative approach
- Timely, effective communications
- Valuable recommendations
- Continuous improvement
- Using skilled and knowledgeable staff
- Minimizing disruption of operations
- Identifying root causes
- Measuring its own performance
- Smart use of its own resources

