2022 – 2023 Work Plan - Program Evaluation Projects

**Rapid Response Evaluations**

*Time Frame: approximately 90 – 100 days*

- Rapid response examinations are prioritized in response to special requests from the Legislative Oversight Committee, with the intent to inform immediate funding or policy decisions.

**Priority Program Evaluations**

*Time Frame: 6 – 8 months*

- Priority program evaluations are undertaken by LOFT as part of its annual work plan. These reports provide a more detailed review of a state program, with an emphasis on assessing program effectiveness and outcomes.

**Future Program Evaluations**

*1 – 3 year schedule, as workflow allows*

- Future program evaluations are conducted as workflow allows, with review staggered in order of program funding and impact.

**Impact Evaluations**

*Approximately 12 months after completion of initial evaluation*

- Impact evaluations examine actions implemented in response to LOFT’s initial evaluation of an agency or program, capturing any efficiencies, cost savings, process improvements, or improved delivery of services.

### Rapid Response Evaluations

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<th>Program/ Agency Name</th>
<th>Project Description</th>
<th>Scope of Work</th>
<th>Prioritization Ranking</th>
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<td>Exemptions to the Central Purchasing Act (OMES)</td>
<td>Review agencies’ use of exemptions from the Central Purchasing Act.</td>
<td>Conduct a review of expenditures exempt from the Central Purchasing Act and identify opportunities for better oversight and compliance with the Act’s provisions.</td>
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<td>Absentee Voting (State Election Board)</td>
<td>Evaluate Oklahoma’s process for absentee voting.</td>
<td>Evaluate the outcomes and accuracy of absentee voting. Review Oklahoma’s process for administering absentee voting and compare to other states’ processes.</td>
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<td>Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency</td>
<td>Examine the operational structure of the non-appropriated agency.</td>
<td>Examine the operational framework for the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency, including its governance and accountability, total programs administered by the agency, sources of revenue, and expenditure areas.</td>
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<td><strong>Workforce Readiness</strong></td>
<td>Examine the readiness of Oklahoma’s current and future workforce to meet projected critical jobs.</td>
<td>Identify and forecast critical jobs as well as related qualifications, assess gaps in preparedness, and identify strategies to improve career readiness.</td>
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<td><strong>Commissioners of Land Office</strong></td>
<td>Evaluate the agency’s property management and investment strategy.</td>
<td>Examine the types of properties maintained by the Office, its management and investment strategy, and examine past performance trends.</td>
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<td><strong>Budget Stress Test</strong></td>
<td>Assist the Pew Charitable Trusts in conducting an assessment of Oklahoma’s ability to manage its budget under various economic conditions.</td>
<td>In conjunction with the Pew Charitable Trusts, assess Oklahoma’s ability to develop long-term budget projections, examine the structural balance of the State budget, and examine Oklahoma’s budget contingency plans. Agencies to be engaged on this year-long project will include the Oklahoma Tax Commission, Legislative Budget Staff, the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, and the State Treasurer’s Office.</td>
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<td><strong>OMES Budget Review</strong></td>
<td>Evaluate the operating budget of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services.</td>
<td>Examine the historical budget of the agency for the past five years and present the percentage of operational funding sources, to include: revenue billed to state agencies for services, State appropriations, and one-time funds, such as federal relief funds.</td>
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<td><strong>Department of Human Services’ Adoption and Parent Support Programs</strong></td>
<td>Evaluate the adoption and parent support programs administered by the Department of Human Services.</td>
<td>Examine the State’s adoption and parent support programs and related outcomes, to include the requirements for reunification of foster children with biological parents, adoption costs, and post-placement services. Examine DHS’ role in Identify funding sources and compare the cost of an adoption through the State to private adoption costs. Examine childcare assistance options available to guardians.</td>
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<td><strong>Department of Public Safety Driver’s License Process</strong></td>
<td>Evaluate the speed of process and wait times for citizens.</td>
<td>Conduct a review of current processes, including an evaluation of recently implemented improvements, examine opportunities to modernize delivery of driver’s license services and identify best practices from other states.</td>
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### State of Oklahoma Cyber-Security

Evaluate the efficacy of current cyber-security measures. Review the state’s cybersecurity defenses, identify any gaps in current architecture, analyze emerging threats, and identify successful strategies for implementation. This review is contingent upon securing a contract with an independent consultant specialized in cyber security assessments.

### Agency Reports to the Legislature

Identify all reports statutorily required to be provided to the Legislature. Compile a list of all reports statutorily required to be provided to the Legislature from governmental entities, including task forces, commissions, and agencies. Examine opportunities to enhance accountability and transparency of reporting.

### Impact Evaluations

The scope of work for each Impact Evaluation will be to review outcomes and impact of LOFT’s engagement with the agencies, examine implementation of any recommendations within the report, and identify any related savings of cost or efficiency.

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<th>Comprehensive Compensation for Oklahoma Teachers</th>
<th>Conduct a post-report follow up with the State Department of Education to review any related changes to statutes, administrative code, or general policy changes.</th>
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<td>Medical Marijuana Regulation</td>
<td>Conduct a post-report follow up with the Medical Marijuana Authority to review any related changes to statutes, administrative code, or general policy changes.</td>
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<td>State Parks</td>
<td>Conduct a post-report follow up with the State Department of Tourism and Recreation to review any related changes to statutes, administrative code, or general policy changes.</td>
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<td>Operational Assessment of the Department of Corrections</td>
<td>Conduct a post-report follow up with the State Department of Corrections to review any related changes to statutes, administrative code, or general policy changes.</td>
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<td>Distribution of State funds for K-12 Public Education</td>
<td>Conduct a post-report follow up with the State Department of Education to review any related changes to statutes, administrative code, or general policy changes.</td>
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<td>Delivery of Mental Health Services</td>
<td>Conduct a post-report follow up with the State Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to review any related changes to statutes, administrative code, or general policy changes.</td>
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<td>Non-Appropriated Agencies with Professional Licensure Authority</td>
<td>Conduct a post-report follow up with the selected agencies to review any related changes to statutes, administrative code, or general policy changes.</td>
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<td>HealthChoice</td>
<td>Conduct a post-report follow up with the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to review any related changes to statutes, administrative code, or general policy changes.</td>
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<td>Business Tax Modernization</td>
<td>Conduct a post-report follow up with the State Department of Commerce and the Tax Commission to review any related changes to statutes, administrative code, or general policy changes resulting from engagement.</td>
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