



2025 EEC Contracts and Services

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Outline



- Overview of EEC Contracted Services
- Contract Status and Options
- Note: Today's goal is for Council Members to see all contracted services for consideration this year. We will plan for discussions and votes on specific services at a future meeting.



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1. Consultant Services
2. Legal Services
3. Public Forum and Lecture Series
4. Energy Efficiency and Climate Public Awareness Campaign



Contract Status and Options

Consultant Services



- Technical consultant services provided by Optimal Energy (an NV5 company)
- Current agreement with Optimal began in 2021
- At the December 2024 Council meeting, The Council voted to execute a 2-year extension with Optimal for 2025-2026, which is the final extension allowed under the current agreement
- Council should plan to go out to bid for these services early in 2026 to have services in place for 2027

Legal Services



- Legal services provided by Handy Law, LLC
- Current agreement began April 2024 for one year until end of April 2025
- Council has the option to extend this agreement for up to 2 additional 1-year terms (3 years total)

Questions for consideration:

- Is the Council satisfied with current legal services?
- Would the Council like to extend current services for another year?
- Alternative would be to issue a new RFP for legal services

Public Forum and Lecture Series



- Public educational event agreement in place with the University of Rhode Island Cooperative Extension
- Current agreement with URI began February 2023, and was extended through April 2025
- The Council has the option to renew this agreement for 1 more year under current agreement
- If continuing with similar services beyond 2025, should anticipate issuing another RFP towards end of 2025 or early 2026
- Public Forum has evolved over the past few years as the URI team is looking to establish an “Efficient Housing for All Community of Practice” in 2025 to convene stakeholders on residential energy efficiency

Public Forum and Lecture Series



Questions for Consideration:

- Is the Council satisfied with current public forum and lecture series services?
- Would the Council like to extend current services with URI for another year?
- If extending current services, Council may want to consider requesting legal counsel to review agreement and scope of work in case any changes should be made to accommodate the new public forum proposal

Energy Efficiency and Climate Public Awareness Campaign



- Public marketing and awareness campaign services are being provided by PivotPath
- The current agreement began April 18, 2024 for a 1-year term, with the options to renew for 2 additional 1-year extensions (3 years total)

Questions for Consideration:

- Is the Council satisfied with current awareness campaign services?
- Would the Council like to extend current services for another year?

Council Member Discussion

