

EEC Contracts and Services

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Outline



- Overview of current EEC Contracted Services
- Contract Status and Options
- Note: Today's goal is for Executive Committee Members to review all contracted services to plan contract renewals and/or procurements for 2026.



EEC Contracted Services

Existing EEC Contracted Services



1. Consultant Services
2. Legal Services
3. Efficient Housing for All Community of Practice and Lecture Series



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 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 and was extended through April 2026
- Council has the option to extend this agreement for 1 additional 1-year term

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

Community of Practice and Lecture Series



- Public education activities agreement in place with the University of Rhode Island Cooperative Extension
- Current agreement with URI began February 2023, and was extended through April 2026
- The Council has an option to renew this agreement
- Public Forum has evolved over the past few years as the URI team created an “Efficient Housing for All Community of Practice” in 2025 to convene stakeholders on residential energy efficiency and meet stakeholders where they are
- URI has prepared a program proposal for 2026

Community of Practice and Lecture Series



Questions for Consideration:

- Is the Council satisfied with current public education and lecture series services?
- Would the Council like to extend current services with URI for another year?
- Are there other ideas that the Council would like to pursue for public education on energy efficiency?

2025 Budget



Budget Category	CY 2025 Budget	Total Spent
Consultant Services	\$717,025.00	\$477,554.50
Legal Counsel	\$75,000.00	\$14,540.68
Annual Report and Misc. Printing & Distribution	\$500.00	\$350.00
Council Travel and Education and Advancement	\$900.00	\$219.05
Public Education	\$166,250.00	\$-
<i>Community of Practice & Lecture Series</i>	\$91,250.00	\$40,967.56
<i>EE and Climate Awareness Campaign*</i>	\$75,000.00	\$-
2025 Energy Expo	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
EERMC Website	\$500.00	\$-
Total	\$980,175.00	\$553,631.79

* EEC opted to discontinue the EE and Climate Awareness Campaign earlier this year

2026 Budget Proposal



Budget Category	2026 Proposed Budget
Consultant Services	\$700,000
Legal Services	\$70,000
Annual Report and Misc. Printing & Distribution	\$500
Council Travel and Education & Advancement	\$900
Public Education	\$100,000
Energy Expo Sponsorship	\$20,000
EEC Website	\$500
Total	\$891,900

Council Member Discussion

