



# 2026 EEC Contracts and Services

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# Outline



- Overview of EEC Contracted Services
- Contract Status and Options
- Note: Today's goal is for the Executive Committee to see and discuss all contracted services for consideration this year.



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1. Consultant Services
2. Legal Services
3. Community of Practice and Lecture Series



# Contract Status and Options

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# 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
- Optimal has provided a 2026 scope of the work (additional meeting material) for Council review and a vote of approval when the Council is ready
- 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 and was extended through April 2026
- Council has the option to extend this agreement for up an additional 1-year term (3 years total), then should plan to re-bid for these services

## 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 educational event agreement in place with the University of Rhode Island Cooperative Extension
- Current agreement with URI began in 2023, and was extended through April 2026
- The Council has the option to renew this agreement for 1 more year
- The “Community of Practice” is an evolution of a public forum activity with a focus on meeting people where they are and training community workers on navigating the state’s residential energy efficiency programs

# Community of Practice and Lecture Series



## Questions for Consideration:

- Is the Council satisfied with current Community of Practice 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 evolution of the programming

# Council Member Discussion

