ENERGY EFFICIENCY COUNCIL

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2026 EEC Contracts and Services

Office of Energy Resources Presentation

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Outline

- Overview of EEC Contracted Services
- Contract Status and Options
- Note: Today's goal is for the Executive Committee to review the status of contracted services and upcoming activities

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1. Consultant Services
2. Legal Services
3. Public Education Initiative

Contract Status and Options

Consultant Services

- Consultant Services RFP is posted now and closes tomorrow
- **To do:** Identify Council Members to participate in the technical review committee and interviews on consultant proposals
- New contract would be for a 3-year term, with the option to extend for another 3 years
- Goal is to have a new vendor chosen to execute a contract by January 1, 2027
- Current agreement with Optimal began in 2021

Legal Services

- Legal services provided by Handy Law, LLC
- Current agreement began April 2024 and was extended through April 2027
- Council is at the end of its extensions on its current agreement and should be expecting to go out to bid for legal services soon
- OER will look to draft a legal services RFP for review

Questions for consideration:

- Would you like to see anything specific in the legal services RFP?

URI Community-Based Energy Navigator Program

- Public education agreement in place with the University of Rhode Island Cooperative Extension
- Current agreement with URI began in 2023, and was extended through December 2027
- The contracted scope for 2027 is contingent on PUC approval of EEC's proposed budget for 2027, including an allocation for the continuation of this work
- This program has evolved from a "Community of Practice" for training community workers on navigating the state's residential energy efficiency programs

Council Member Discussion

