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### ASSESSMENT BLUE PRINT AND WORK PLAN

The Contractor will conduct the assessment in accordance with the following blue print and work plan. The Contractor envisions seven outputs from this assessment work:

1. An Assessment of the roles/activities of the Citizen Trade Policy Commission;
2. Analysis in support of Maine state government oversight on international trade;
3. Summary document noting options for Maine's future engagement on trade;
4. Summary document noting opportunities for expanded multi-state engagement;
5. Media materials and suggested resources for broader public engagement;
6. Acknowledgment of issues raised during public hearings; and
7. Identify future trade related issues.

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#### 1. Assessing the role of the Citizen Trade Policy Commission

- Advancing democratic discussion in Maine of trade issues;
- Assisting with economic development planning/"brainstorming;"
- Engaging USTR on negotiations and scope of current commitments;
- Communicating interests to Maine's Congressional delegation; and
- Relating to other states and through national associations.

##### Output: Core Assessment of the Commission's work

- a) Measured against purposes as stated in legislation creating the CTPC
- b) Based on the objectives/self-assessment of Commission members (and where applicable their constituents)
- c) Through comparison with other state models/approaches to trade oversight.

**Tools for Analysis:** Interviews with Commission members and constituents, analysis of exchanges between the Commission and Maine state agencies, legislature, and Congressional delegation. Comparative work will be based on Contractor's perspective from other states.

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**Z. Providing analytic support.** As provided below, the Contractor will conduct an analysis and assessment of the following enumerated areas. Areas of primary analytical analysis are noted in bold. Non-bolded items are to be included in the assessment but are not prioritized for analytical work specific to the State of Maine. In these cases, the Contractor may use existing background materials or case studies pertaining to the subject. Non-bolded items appear in order of priority to the

**Commission. The Contractor may seek assistance and some time commitment from in-state agencies, etc., for support of the analytic areas.**

### Labor/Economic Development

- a) **Government procurement - Analytical analysis of how Maine can most effectively use state and local procurement to promote local and state economic development without conflicting with trade rules.**
- b) **Overview of status of current NAFTA/WTO disputes with Canada-overview of cases.**
- c) **Foreign direct investment-measuring flows and impacts.**

### Natural Resources/Environment

- a) **Maine, the Farm Bill, and international trade - Analytical analysis of agriculture strategies/policies favorable to Maine in light of current WTO and Farm Bill discussions.**
- b) **Water withdrawal and water services: GATS and investment challenges - Analytic analysis of bottled water industry.**
- c) **Land use and zoning: possible GATS and investment challenges.**
- d) **Bulk storage of fuels and pipelines (LNG siting): implications of possible new U.S. commitment under the GATS agreement.**

### Health Care

- a) **GATS and health insurance commitments - Analytic analysis of the health insurance commitments under GATS and implications for Maine.**
- b) **Nurse licensing standards and GATS negotiations.**
- c) **Focus on preferred drug list and how it impacts or could impact Maine's Rx program including any challenges and intellectual property issues. Also review the re-importation of prescription drugs -reference to the Governor's task force and actions of other states.**

**Tools for Analysis: Joint research work with staff of the Harrison Institute, Georgetown University Law Center, and with relevant experts in Maine.**