



## **EEB EVALUATION CONSULTANT TEAM CHOSEN**

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The Office of Consumer Counsel is an active member of the state's Energy Efficiency Board ("EEB" or "Board"), and values the importance of the evaluation function, as it's the one way to measure the success of the state's energy efficiency programs. The EEB relies on a strong and independent evaluation consultant team to perform this role.

The Evaluation Committee has recently conducted a thorough process to invite and review proposals for the Evaluation Administrator role for the remainder of 2016 and all of 2017. The Board issued the Evaluation Administrator Request for Proposal (RFP) on June 7, 2016 to over two hundred recipients.

The RFP resulted in the submittal of six proposals. The Evaluation Committee conducted interviews for all six of the firms that submitted proposals, and then second interviews for the two finalists. The committee scored the teams on eight criteria using a quantitative approach. As a result of that process, the Evaluation Committee recommended to the full Board that it approve the SERA (Skumatz Economic Research Associates) team as the Evaluation Administrator for the remainder of 2016 and all of 2017.

The SERA team is comprised of Lisa Skumatz (team leader), Ralph Prael, David Jacobson, Robert Wirtshafter and Jennifer Chiodo. Each team member brings over thirty years of experience in the field, and specifically in areas of econometrics, research methods and oversight of all types of study approaches, mechanical engineering, thermal systems modeling, sampling and data collection. The team members have widespread experience across the entire country and are excited to help Connecticut continue its momentum in this role.

OCC looks forward to continuing its work with the SERA team, beginning in October.