



National Legislative Program Evaluation Society Award Winners for 2025

NLPES Outstanding Achievement Award

Erik Beecroft, chief methodologist (retired), Virginia Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC)

NLPES Excellence in Evaluation Award

Louisiana Legislative Auditor

NLPES Excellence in Research Methods Award

Montana Legislative Audit Division

NLPES Certificates of Impact

California State Auditor's Office

Colorado Office of the State Auditor

Hawaii Office of the Auditor

Idaho Office of Performance Evaluations

Illinois Office of the Auditor General

Kansas Legislative Division of Post Audit

Kentucky Legislative Oversight and Investigations, Legislative Research Commission

Kentucky Office of Education Accountability

Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Office

Maine Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability

Maryland Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability

Michigan Office of the Auditor General

Minnesota Office of the Legislative Auditor

Mississippi PEER Committee

Montana Legislative Audit Division

New Mexico Legislative Finance Committee

Pennsylvania Legislative Budget and Finance Committee

South Carolina House of Representatives Government Efficiency and Legislative Oversight Committee

South Carolina Legislative Audit Council

Tennessee Comptroller's Office of Research and Education Accountability

Texas State Auditor's Office

Texas Sunset Advisory Commission

Utah Office of the Legislative Auditor General

Virginia Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission

Washington Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee

Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau

Reports that Received 2024 NLPES Awards

Excellence in Research Methods. An Excellence in Research Methods Award may be presented to up to three offices. To receive a 2025 award, an office must have demonstrated outstanding use of evaluation research methods in a report released during calendar year 2024.

State	Report Name
Montana	Appraising New Construction to Reduce Property Tax Inequity

Certificates of Impact. A Certificate of Impact may be presented to an office for a report released during calendar year 2022, 2023 or 2024 and which had documented public policy impacts. A total of 26 offices from 23 states received 2025 NLPES Certificates of Impact.

State	Report Name
California	California’s Systems of Public Higher Education: Streamlining the Community College Transfer Process Could Increase Access to Bachelor’s Degrees
Colorado	Veterans Services, Department of Military & Veterans Affairs, Performance Audit
Hawai’i	Audit of the Department of Human Services’ Child Welfare Services Branch
Idaho	County Coroners and Death Investigations
Illinois	State’s Response to the COVID-19 Outbreak at the LaSalle Veteran’s Home
Kansas	Evaluating At-Risk Expenditures and Statutory Compliance
Kentucky	Kentucky Public School Employee Staffing Shortages
Kentucky	K-12 Curriculum Development and Instructional Materials Selection
Louisiana	Oversight of the Louisiana Oilfield Restoration Associations’ Efforts to Address Orphaned Oil and Gas Wells, Office of Conservation – Department of Energy and Natural Resources
Maine	Evaluation of the Research Expense Tax Credit (R&D Credit)
Maryland	Evaluation of the Office of Student Financial Assistance
Michigan	Performance Audit Report on Selected Activities Related to Investigation Timeliness and Complaint Intake, Michigan Department of Civil Rights (151-0200-22)
Minnesota	Oversight of State-Funded Grants to Nonprofit Organizations
Mississippi	2023 Report on the Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2012: A Comparative Analysis of Program Outcomes
Montana	Real Property Tax Exemptions: Improving Information Management and Informing Policy Decisions
New Mexico	State-Funded Water Projects
Pennsylvania	A Report on the Limitations on Liability Under Pennsylvania’s Sovereign and Governmental Immunity Laws
South Carolina	Full Committee Study of the South Carolina Attorney General’s Office

South Carolina	A Limited Review of the S.C. Department of Disabilities and Special Needs: Agency Structure and Commission Issues [Part 1], New and Continuing Issues at DDSN [Part 2]
Tennessee	Tennessee Reconnect Grant Evaluation
Texas	A Comprehensive Forensic Audit at the Texas Civil Commitment Office
Texas	Texas Commission on Law Enforcement: Staff Report with Final Results
Utah	A Performance Audit of the Signature Verification Process: Improving Controls and Transparency
Virginia	Indigent Criminal Defense and Commonwealth's Attorneys
Washington	2022 Tax Preference Performance Review: Food Processors
Wisconsin	Telework, Space Management, and Risk Management: Department of Administration; Telework, Space Management, and Risk Management: University of Wisconsin System