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[Washington's Lean Management Improves Government Efficiency](#) -- Washington Gov. Jay Inslee highlighted the benefits of lean processes and programs to improve the efficiency of state government.

[Montana Expands Access to High-Quality Early Education](#) -- Montana Gov. Steve Bullock announced an initiative to increase access to high-quality pre-kindergarten programs.

[Pennsylvania Invests in Higher Education Initiatives](#) -- Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett announced \$4 million in grant funding for two initiatives, one to increase access to health and science programs and another to promote college and community partnerships.

[New York Makes Health Care Purchasing More Accessible](#) -- New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced the winning submissions for his State Health Innovation Challenge, which aims to help individuals make better health care purchasing decisions.

[Pennsylvania Funds Community Health Initiative](#) -- Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett announced the award of three grants through a subsidy program run by the Pennsylvania Department of Health that supports community-based health care.

[New York Protects Human Trafficking Victims' Privacy](#) -- New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed a measure increasing privacy protections for victims of human trafficking to help them rebuild their lives.

[New Jersey Partners with Neighboring States for Regional Prescription Monitoring Network](#) -- New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie announced the expansion of the New Jersey Prescription Monitoring Program's data-sharing efforts to include connecting with Delaware's prescription monitoring program.

[Connecticut Improves Youth Mental Health System](#) -- Connecticut Gov. Dannel Malloy announced an initiative to increase access to the state's mental health

system for children and families.

[Minnesota Promotes Small Business Growth](#) -- Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton announced three initiatives aimed at promoting small business growth.

[Arizona Unveils Partnership for Advanced Energy Solutions](#) -- Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer unveiled a new partnership, the Arizona Collaboratory for Advanced Energy Solution.

[Virginia Announces State Energy Plan, Energy Efficiency Measures](#) -- Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe announced the release of his 2014 Virginia Energy Plan.

[Indiana Unveils New Energy Efficiency Legislative Framework](#) -- Indiana Gov. Mike Pence announced recommendations made by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission on a new framework for energy efficiency and demand-side management programs.

[Educational Service Agencies Aim to Increase Administrative Coordination](#) -- The Institute of Education Sciences released a report analyzing the benefits of education service agencies (ESAs) in boosting education coordination and services.

[Electronic Health Records Boost Smoking Cessation Interventions](#) -- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published a study that found the adoption of electronic health records was positively associated with increased participation in smoking cessation interventions at community health centers in New York City.

[Hospitals Surveyed on Hurricane Sandy Preparedness and Response](#) -- The Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General released a report, Hospital Emergency Preparedness and Response During Superstorm Sandy, which surveyed 174 hospitals in declared disaster areas in Connecticut , New Jersey , and New York during Hurricane Sandy and examined information from state agencies and accreditation organizations.

[Link Between Hiring Disabled Workers, Company Productivity Found](#) -- The Institute for Corporate Productivity released a report examining the productivity effect of hiring individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

2014 Intergovernmental Meeting with the U.S. Department of Energy
November 12-14, 2014; New Orleans, LA
Contact: [Andrew Kambour](#)

Second Annual Governors' Policy Forum on Responsible Shale Energy
Development
December 3-4, 2014; Salt Lake City, UT

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