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**States Find Solutions in Interstate Cooperation**

From transportation, to health care, to education, there is no shortage of issues confronting state governments across the nation. As states continue to shape priorities while rebounding from the Great Recession, they increasingly are working collaboratively, using interstate compacts and erasing the silos of state lines, to meet the needs of the American people. Governed by the tenets of contract law, interstate compacts provide states an enforceable, sustainable and durable tool capable of ensuring permanent change without federal intervention.

CSG recently released its annual listing of the top five issues legislators will face this session in **education**, **energy and the environment**, **federal affairs**, **fiscal and economic development**, **health**, **international affairs**, **interstate compacts**, **transportation** and **workforce development** policy.

Colmon Elridge, director of the CSG National Center for Interstate Compacts, outlines the top five issues related to interstate compacts for 2016:

- Medical licensing compact,
- Health care licensure compacts,
- The State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement,
- Non-congressionally consented compacts, and
- International interstate compacts.

To download the full list of Top 5 Issues in **interstate compacts**, please visit the **CSG Knowledge Center**.

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