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States Fight Federal Intrusion in Municipal Broadband Policy

Residents of Chattanooga, Tenn., have access to Internet speeds of one gigabit per second, leading it to be nicknamed "Gig City," but state law has prohibited the city from expanding the service beyond its boundaries. The Federal Communications Commission recently voted to pre-empt state laws limiting the expansion of municipal broadband projects, and states have been quick to respond in protest.

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Health Care: Lots of Jobs and More to Come

While state policymakers often wring their hands over health care spending and how it may squeeze out other policy priorities, the flipside of that spending is jobs—lots of them and more to come in the future.

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Congress Considers a Less Burdensome Regulatory Process

When the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency bill in February, it took an important step toward ensuring the federal government considers the cost of regulations it places on state, tribal and local governments.

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Status of Federal Transportation Programs

The latest extension of a 2012 federal transportation bill is set to expire May 31 and with its expiration, the Highway Trust Fund is expected to run out of money. With this looming deadline, many wonder if a long-term bill to reauthorize and fund transportation programs is in the cards and whether Congress will have a plan to pay for it. During this FREE eCademy webcast, experts will provide an update on where things stand in Washington.

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The Growing Economy

Real gross domestic product for the United States grew 1.8 percent in 2013, slower than the 2.5 percent growth in 2012. Three industries—nondurable goods manufacturing, real estate and rental and leasing, and agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting—contributed about 42 percent to the real GDP growth rate.

The War on Unemployment

Wal-Mart, a CSG Senior Associate member, committed in 2013 to hiring 100,000 veterans over a five-year period. At that time, nearly 1 million veterans were unemployed and male veterans age 18-24 had an overall unemployment rate of almost 30 percent.

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Examining the Changing Racial Composition of Prison Populations

A review of the composition of prison populations in three states found that drops in prison admissions, prison populations, or both, in recent years have been especially pronounced among nonwhites.

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States Respond to Voting Registration Demands

With record low voting turnouts, proposals to ease voter registration—such as online voting, same-day voting and automatic voting registration—are being discussed by a number of states. In March, Oregon became the first state to use data from its Department of Motor Vehicles for the purpose of automatically registering voters.

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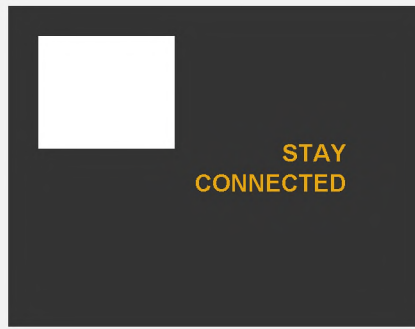
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Superlatives are nothing new in the long public service career of CSG's 2015 National President and Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval. He was the first Hispanic to hold state office in Nevada when he was elected attorney general in 2002. He became the state's first Hispanic federal judge when he was appointed by President George W. Bush as U.S. district judge for the District of Nevada in 2005. And Sandoval was the first challenger to ever beat a sitting governor in a primary election, defeating then-Gov. Jim Gibbons in 2010.

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