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### Federal Policy & Business

#### Obama to seek to bust spending limits by \$74 billion

Boston Herald: WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama will ask Congress to boost government spending by roughly 7 percent above current limits, the White House said Thursday, setting up a certain clash with Republicans who insist that federal spending must be held in check.

Obama's budget, to be formally released Monday, will call for \$74 billion more than the levels frozen in place by across-the-board cuts agreed to by both Democrats and Republicans and signed by Obama into law. The White House said his new budget proposals will "fully reverse" the so-called sequestration on the domestic side, while raising military spending.

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#### Exclusive: U.S. federal safety regulators seek Takata whistleblowers

Reuters: U.S. vehicle safety regulators want to find whistleblowers with knowledge "of possible defects or any wrongdoing" by Takata Corp, stepping up pressure on the air bag maker whose products are linked to five deaths and dozens of injuries.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) told Reuters it was urging potential informants to call its hotline at 1-888-327-4236, promising legal protection.

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#### The sequester that everyone hates is hard to replace

CNN: There's one thing Democrats and Republicans agree on: It's time to get rid of the forced spending cuts known in Washington as the sequester.

But reaching a deal on the next question -- what exactly to replace the cuts with -- will require yet another round of bitter political fighting on Capitol Hill.

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## FDA approves Bristol-Myers, J&J HIV pills

Reuters: The U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Thursday approved two fixed-dose HIV pills that combine protease inhibitors - one made by Bristol-Myers Squibb Co and the other by Johnson & Johnson - both with a boosting agent produced by Gilead Sciences Inc.

Bristol-Myers said its drug, Evotaz, is a once-daily pill containing Reyataz, also known as atazanavir, a protease inhibitor, with the booster cobicistat.

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## Federal Government IT

### The Pentagon Accelerates Move to Cloud Computing

Nextgov: The Defense Department is accelerating toward wide-scale cloud computing adoption, buoyed by the promises of cost saving and untold increases in mission capabilities.

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### Telehealth progress requires beefed up network infrastructure

Federal Times: Federal agencies have applied telehealth technology in innovative ways to expand health care beyond the walls of veterans' hospitals and other care facilities. Current efforts allow caregivers to reach patients in their daily lives while clinicians and specialists can share and archive medical information.

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### House Chairman Demands Answers in HealthCare.gov Private Data Leak

Government Technology: Another chapter of the HealthCare.gov saga unfolded on the weekend of Jan. 24, when the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced it would boost privacy protections for residents' personal data following reports the previous week that personal data from the insurance exchange website was being shared with third parties.

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### FCC seeks broadband speeds with wow factor; telecom firms say, 'Whoa'

Los Angeles Times: Broadband Internet in this country just got a whole lot faster.

Actually the definition of broadband Internet just got faster — and the cable and phone industries are none too pleased about it.

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### The Cyber Resilience Blueprint: A New Perspective on Security

In this sophisticated threat environment, traditional security tactics are failing. Symantec encourages government organizations to revise their security posture to build a more cyber resilient enterprise. Resilience is not defined by a series of checklists, but through evaluations based on the current threat environment and the acceptable risk level for the organization. This whitepaper presents best practice-based approaches recommended for minimizing cyber risk. These are arranged across five pillars and provide specific actions for each pillar to be performed by identifiable IT jobs.

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This infographic includes compelling statistics on cybercrime, and explains how to combat it with actionable insights using IBM i2 Enterprise Insight Analysis.

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### Discovery and Usage data for Software License Management (SLM)

Is Microsoft SCCM the best solution? Many organizations use Microsoft's SCCM product as their primary software discovery method. Because SCCM is already used by operations, it comes at little or no additional cost to the SLM group. But is it a wise decision for software licensing to use SCCM data as the primary data source? We suggest that this decision should be reconsidered because of the extra costs and missed savings opportunities that come with using SCCM for discovery and usage.

For a copy of our white papers, "Discovery and Usage data for Software License Management " and "Software License Management", please click here.

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## Defense / Intelligence / Homeland Security

### Obama Schedules 'Violent Extremism' Summit, But Still Unable To Acknowledge Islamist Jiha

Homeland Security Today: Although jihadi propaganda videos released in the past year have continuously called for terrorist attacks on the US and the West, it was not until after the heinous attacks in Paris that the White House scheduled an international anti-extremism summit initially set for last year, but postponed without explanation.

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### Senate Panel OKs Threat of New Iran Sanctions

Defense News: WASHINGTON — A Senate committee on Thursday easily approved legislation that would impose tougher economic sanctions on Iran if ongoing talks about its nuclear arms program remain stalled.



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## Panel calls for overhaul of military pensions

USA Today: WASHINGTON — Troops who don't serve 20 years before leaving the military will receive retirement benefits, according to a report released Thursday by a military panel.

Troops earn annual pensions after serving 20 years. The proposal released Thursday by the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission would keep much of the military's defined-benefit pension system but add elements of a 401k-style retirement plan.

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## Air Force to Open Additional Satellite Launches to Competition, Potential Boon for SpaceX

The Wall Street Journal (online registration required): The Pentagon will announce plans next week to open more space rocket launches to competition, paving the way for Elon Musk's Space Exploration Technologies Corp. to try to win its first military business, according to U.S. officials familiar with the plan.

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# Government Healthcare - Policy & IT

## CDC urges measles vaccinations amid Disneyland outbreak

Reuters: The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention urged Americans on Thursday to get vaccinated for measles amid an outbreak that began at Disneyland in December, saying that 2014 saw the highest number of cases in two decades.

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## CMS eases up on meaningful use, EHR requirements

Healthcare IT News: It's official. The federal government has announced its willingness to ease up on meaningful use reporting requirements for the EHR Incentive Programs.

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## American Hospital Association to House Committee: Make Telehealth Global

Healthcare Informatics: Earlier this week, representatives from the Chicago-based American Hospital Association (AHA) sent a letter to the Committee on Energy and Commerce seeking a reform of Medicare policy on telehealth reimbursement.

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## FDA issues first approval for remote continuous-glucose-monitoring app

Modern Healthcare (complimentary online subscription): The Food and Drug Administration has approved the first mobile medical app that will allow remote monitoring of patient glucose data. The technology, from medical device firm Dexcom, had been "eagerly awaited by the diabetes community, especially caregivers of children with diabetes who want to monitor their glucose levels remotely," said Alberto Gutierrez, the FDA's director of the office of in vitro diagnostics and radiological health.

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### A Roadmap for E-Discovery Compliance: Current Initiatives and Best Practice Advice

With the right tools and expertise, agencies can greatly reduce waste and duplication in maintaining voluminous government data, and better comply with federal regulations for e-discovery. Government courts fully expect agencies to intelligently and systematically apply repeatable, defensible e-discovery processes that comply with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (FRCP) without foot-dragging or excuses. In fact, increasingly stringent federal oversight is forcing agencies to improve how they manage information resources of all kinds.

Attend this live 1-hour webinar to gain insights on how best to comply with mandates, including the **Presidential Directive on Managing Government Records, the Administration's 'Freeze the Footprint' mandate, FOIA, and other initiatives**. Also learn how your organization can incorporate key best practices related to the organization, automation, and searching of data sets to help streamline information management and more readily adapt to meet collection and preservation requirements for e-discovery.

Our panel of experts includes:

- Allison Stanton, Director of E-Discovery, FOIA, and Records, Office of the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice
- Donald Rosen, Policy Enforcement and Analysis Director, National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)
- Lisa Haralampus, Federal Records Management Policy Director, National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)
- Wesley Ellis, Consulting Manager, Guidance Software's Professional Services Group

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### Identity Fraud Prevention For Government Agencies

Statistics imply that everyone will have their identity compromised within their lifetime, and those stolen identities will be used to commit fraud, often targeted at government programs. Agencies need to protect their programs and taxpayers against these identity schemes.

With today's challenging economic climate, federal, state and local government agencies are facing heightened pressure to reduce costs and improve effectiveness with fewer resources available to manage their programs. With the accelerating use of online interactions, government agencies are facing ever-increasing identity-related fraud. Government is the new target for thieves using stolen or fabricated identities to commit fraud.

Our speakers for this 1-hour live webinar on identity fraud prevention are:

### **Frank W. Abagnale**

Identity Fraud Expert and author of "*Catch Me If You Can*"

### **Andy Bucholz**

Vice President of Market Planning for LexisNexis Risk Solutions

Learn about the challenges that the government faces from identity fraud and how to:

- Improve program integrity
- Reduce fraud and move away from the pay and chase model
- Speed up and give assurance to investigations
- Maximize revenue discovery and recovery efforts

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### **California, U.S. energy plan to aid apartment dwellers**

San Jose Mercury News: SAN FRANCISCO -- The federal government, California and one of the nation's largest foundations are teaming up to expand financing for energy efficiency and solar energy in multifamily housing.

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### **DOE could meet 45-day LNG export decision deadline, Senate panel told**

Oil & Gas Journal: The US Department of Energy would have no trouble meeting a 45-day deadline to reach a national interest determination for proposed LNG export facilities that a US Senate bill would establish, Christopher A. Smith, assistant US energy secretary for fossil energy, told the Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

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### **OR: Will Oregon consumers pay for clean energy?**

Statesman Journal: Seventy-one percent of Oregon voters support moving the state away from coal power and into renewable energy over the next decade, a new Sierra Club poll shows

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### **Senate Passes Keystone In Challenge to Obama**

The New York Times: WASHINGTON — The Senate on Thursday passed a bill to force approval of the Keystone XL oil pipeline, which President Obama is certain to veto in his first official clash with the new Republican-majority Congress.

The five-year fight over the Keystone pipeline has become a proxy for far broader fights over climate change, energy and the economy and for the conflict between Mr. Obama and congressional Republicans.



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### North Carolina Not Waiting on FAA to Explore Commercial Drone Use

Government Technology: The Federal Aviation Administration is expected to issue long-awaited draft regulations for operating small commercial drones this year, something that's expected to open the skies to a multibillion-dollar industry.

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### Watch How Boston Deals With Snow Removal in a Smarter Way

Government Executive: While New York City didn't exactly get clobbered by this week's massive Northeast U.S. blizzard, Boston has been facing a significantly bigger snow-removal job.

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### Mayors of Boston, Seattle, KC, others: No more muni broadband restrictions, please

Networkworld: A group of 38 mayors and other elected officials from cities like Boston, Seattle, and Kansas City Thursday urged the FCC to strike down state laws that restrict the development of public high-speed Internet services and allow municipal networks to flourish.

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### Delaware aims to be 1st with digital driver's licenses

USA Today: WILMINGTON, Del. — Delaware is aiming to be the first state to offer virtual driver's licenses accessed through a secure smartphone app.

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### Ky. ponders teaching computer code as foreign language

USA Today: FRANKFORT, Ky. — With nearly a quarter of the state lacking access to broadband Internet, computer code may already seem like Greek to many students in Kentucky.

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### To Prepare for Online Assessments, Some Schools Try to Break Their Own Networks

THE Journal: Call it Stress Test Week. Over the past few days, schools in Arizona, Kansas and Alaska took on the challenge of trying to break the networks they will use to support online assessments by encouraging overuse.

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### Texas approves Discovery Education Social Studies Techbook for statewide use

eSchool News: Following a rigorous evaluation, the Texas State Board of Education has approved the Discovery Education Social Studies Techbook for statewide use as a core instructional resource through its state adoption process.

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### Hispanics and Education: a Texas-Sized Challenge for States

Stateline: AUSTIN, Texas — Manuel Ramirez was the first in his family to get a college degree, and it wasn't easy.

His parents, who brought him to the U.S. illegally from Guanajuato, Mexico, when he was 8 years old, made just enough to get by with day labor and house cleaning.

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