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Florida Budget Impasse Raises Key Federalism Questions

With a special session of the Florida legislature underway to adopt a state budget for the next fiscal year that begins July 1, federalism questions abound.

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Going Global

A significant and growing part of agriculture's economic impact is made in overseas markets. According to the American Farm Bureau Federation, 1-in-3 farm acres in this country is planted for export.

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Will Congress Reauthorize the U.S. Export-Import Bank?

Access to export capital continues to be one of the largest barriers for American small business exporters. While the federal government does have successful programs for helping small businesses find the financing necessary to become exporters, another potential Congressional roadblock is showing the importance of state programs to keep goods moving.

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Using Stackable Credentials to Increase Job Earnings

A 2014 report by the National Skills Coalition said middle-skill jobs account for 54 percent of the United States' labor market, but only 44 percent of the country's workers are qualified for these positions. This FREE eCademy webcast will highlight innovative programs that are helping students gain the competencies they need by offering stackable credits.

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Cultivating Local Markets

The value of agritourism and on-farm recreational services such as hunting, fishing, hay rides, and farm and winery tours in 2012 was \$704 million--up 24 percent since 2007.

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A Snapshot of Medicaid Expenditures over the Decade (2004-14)

Data regarding federal and state Medicaid expenditures from 2004 to 2014 show the significant impact the Great Recession had on the federal-state partnership program.

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Justice Department Calls for Enhanced Voting Access for Native Americans

In May, the Justice Department sent a draft bill to Congressional leaders asking for passage of legislation that would enhance voting access for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Improving Health Care Quality While Minimizing Costs

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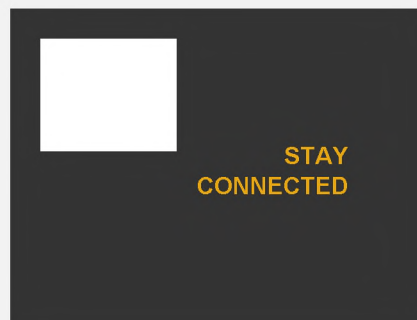
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