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Policy & Technology. News & Analysis

Federal Policy & Business

Group Blasts Fed for Lack of Diversity in Leadership

The Wall Street Journal (online registration required): NEW YORK--Federal Reserve leadership is overly male, almost entirely white and drawn too frequently from the banking community, according to a group critical of the central bank.

A new report from the Center for Popular Democracy's Fed Up campaign analyzes the types of people populating the Fed's Washington-based board of governors, the regional bank presidencies and the regional bank boards of directors.

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Obama to Release \$4 Trillion-Plus Budget for 2017

ABC News: President Barack Obama is unveiling his eighth and final budget, a \$4 trillion-plus proposal that's freighted with liberal policy initiatives and new and familiar tax hikes — all sent to a dismissive Republican-controlled Congress that simply wants to move on from his presidency.

The budget will be released Tuesday morning, the same day as the New Hampshire primary when it's likely to get little attention. It comes as the deficit, which had been falling over the duration of Obama's two terms, has begun to creep up, above the half-trillion mark.

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Government Executive: Democrats and Republicans agree on the need to cut the federal budget by about \$50 billion in fiscal 2017, according to a new survey.

The poll, conducted by the Program for Public Consultation at the University of Maryland's School of Public Policy, found majorities in both parties -- when provided with background information on the subject -- support an overlap of \$10 billion in specific areas in which to cut. That includes a \$3 billion reduction in subsidies to agricultural corporations, \$1 billion at the departments of State and Justice, \$1 billion at intelligence agencies and the same amount to Overseas Contingency Operations. A majority of all respondents agreed to trim "federal enforcement of federal laws" by \$1 billion.

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Yellen may tell Congress her goal is not to slow the economy

Marketwatch: WASHINGTON (MarketWatch) — Federal Reserve Chairwoman Janet Yellen will remind investors this week that the U.S. central bank's goal in hiking rates is not to slow the economy.

While traditionally the Fed does hike rates to tap the brakes on the economy, this time is different, said Dana Saporita, an economist at Credit Suisse in New York.

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Federal Government IT

Twitter Shuts Down 125K Terrorist Accounts

Homeland Security Today: Terrorist organizations, particularly the Islamic State (ISIS), have become adept at exploiting social media platforms and other online forums to spread propaganda, recruit followers, and call for attacks.

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Obama to appoint federal CISO within next 3 months

Federal Times: After the creation of the federal CIO and federal CTO to lead the government's adoption of technology, the Obama administration finally followed up with the next logical addition to the White House C-suite: the federal chief information security officer.

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President's budget proposes \$3.1B cybersecurity revolving fund, National Action Plan

Federal Times: Federal agencies need to implement the strongest cybersecurity tools available but with so many competing mission priorities, departments rarely have enough funding to secure their systems. To make sure no agency is breached for lack of funding, the president's 2017 budget proposal includes a \$3.1 billion revolving fund to secure the most high-risk networks.

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National Security Agency merging offensive, defensive hacking operations

Reuters: The U.S. National Security Agency on Monday outlined a reorganization that will consolidate its spying and domestic cybersecurity operations, despite recommendations by a presidential panel that the agency focus solely on espionage.

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Special Reports & Whitepapers

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The Good, the Bad and the Ugly of Software License Management (SLM)

Belarc's latest white paper includes the following topics:

- How to minimize the financial risk in software licensing.
- Two case studies covering both successful and un-successful implementations of SLM.
- Why Belarc's approach to SLM works quickly and effectively.
- Is SLM about Process or Automation, or both?
- What to do when you receive the audit request letter from a software vendor.
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Defense / Intelligence / Homeland Security

US Senators Offer Bill To Speed Electronic Warfare Development

Defense News: WASHINGTON — Two senators have introduced new bipartisan legislation aimed at boosting the Pentagon's electronic warfare efforts.

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The Coming Fight Between the F-35 and the New Bomber

Government Executive: The two aircraft at the center of the Pentagon's future-of-war plans are headed for a fierce battle, even though one has never faced off against a foreign rival and the other has never flown.

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Why drone swarms will buzz to the forefront in the new Pentagon budget

The Washington Post (online registration required): When the Defense Department unveils its budget for 2017 on Tuesday, expect a buzzing noise in the background. Unmanned drone swarms appear to be one of the big winners in Defense Secretary Ashton B. Carter plans for the future.

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Homegrown Extremists Top Terrorist Threat List, Clapper Says

Bloomberg: Homegrown extremists probably will "continue to pose the most significant Sunni terrorist threat to the U.S. homeland in 2016," Director of National Intelligence James Clapper said in a summary for Congress of the perils facing the nation globally.

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Government Healthcare - Policy & IT

Obama asking Congress for emergency funding to combat Zika

AZ Central: WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is asking Congress for more than \$1.8 billion in emergency funding to help fight the Zika virus. In an announcement Monday, the White House said the money would be used to expand mosquito control programs, speed development of a vaccine, develop diagnostic tests and improve support for low-income pregnant women.

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Obama seeks \$1 billion to combat opioid abuse

Modern Healthcare (complimentary online subscription): The White House budget request for fiscal 2017 being unveiled Tuesday will include \$1.1 billion to combat opioid abuse, with a focus on medication-assisted treatment.

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ONC Publishes Blog Series, Fact Sheets to Clarify HIPAA

Healthcare Informatics: The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) provides many pathways for permissibly exchanging Protected Health Information (PHI) and that's the message the Office for the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) wants to get across with a series of blog posts and fact sheets.

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Florida bill requiring biometrics for patient identity verification raises concerns

Biometric Update: Florida House Bill 1299, sponsored by Rep. Dane Eagle, has a provision that would require Florida hospitals to install software that allows them to use biometrics and the state driver's license database to verify Medicaid patients' identification, according to a report by the St. Augustine Record.

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Overcome Obstacles to Agile Application Development

Wed, February 17th, 2016 at 2:00pm EST

Federal government agencies face intense pressure to build next-generation applications, despite resource constraints and growing requirements to incorporate security, accessibility and analytic capabilities. Rising complexity and overburdened IT systems only contribute a lack of agility – which is something government agencies desperately need to support the demand for new apps and services. Add the backlog of application change requests, inflexible infrastructures and the difficulties inherent in managing mobility and migrating to the cloud, and it's no surprise government executives feel frustrated.

Join us for this **complimentary** webinar on Feb. 17 at 2pm, to learn how you can overcome these obstacles and effectively reduce the time it takes to launch efficient and properly vetted applications that leverage the transactional data flowing through your organization today.

Please note: All webinar registrants will also receive a link to view the archived event.

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Derived Security Credentials for Government Transactions

As government organizations increasingly move towards mobile devices, they are asking how they can provide their workers with access to their applications and data with a secure digital certificate. Common Access Cards (CAC) and Personal Identity Verification (PIV) smart cards are used to manage access to both online and physical resources through controlled access to networks, systems, building and spaces. However, this standard way of doing things doesn't always work in mobile situations.

Securely storing government credentials on mobile devices allows these individuals to transform their applications into a secure enterprise space; and this is where derived credentials come into place.

In this 60 minute educational web seminar, e-SignLive along with Entrust, the leader in government software authentication platforms that strengthen security in a wide range of identity and transaction ecosystems, will provide an overview of derived PIV/CAC credential for government and how the derived credential on mobile devices is the next generation of US Government's use of PKI, enabling government workers to build trust for authentication in an increasingly mobile workplace.

Attendees will learn:

- What is the derived PIV/CAC credential in government and why it's so important
- What the implementation looks like
- The value of derived credentials with electronic signatures
- How can this be leveraged to other parts of government or commercial entities

Featuring a live demo application of e-signatures with derived credentials, this is a must-attend session for any federal organization looking to create a secure and legally enforceable means of executing regulated transactions using laptops, iPads and smartphones.

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Next Generation 911

With the clock ticking... are you ready to respond to every call, text, tweet, video?

Every year sizable emergencies hit the United States. Will the local emergency response systems be up to the task? Would your systems be ready?

Please join Unify for a thought leadership session discussing Next Generation 911.

Our Next Gen 911 tech expert Greg Little will take us through a customer case study and you'll learn why many of the top PSAPs are looking at Unify's First Response solution to help them meet Next Generation 911 challenges.

Topics we'll cover in the 30 minute webinar:

- What is Next Gen 911?

- Challenges in the Public Sector
- One City's Crusade
- Empowering the Public Sector

Unify is a Global provider of communication and collaboration solutions. For NG 9-1-1, we have a media-rich solution that emergency answering and dispatch centers can leverage, designed for carrier-grade communications. Whether originating as a voice, text or video call, call handlers can process multiple emergency contacts with a unified response.

Why First Response?

- Unparalleled call volume management - over 5000 calls per hour
- Support for new communications channels such as texting, video and social media
- VoIP for more reliable, resilient and affordable call management
- Virtualized back office to maximize hardware investment and minimize management effort
- Integrated, customizable communication console for managing critical contact numbers, IPTV, other applications and more.

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Fortifying the Federal Government Enterprise Against Hackers

The federal government continues to be a tempting target for hackers. Close to 2 million data records containing bank account information or Social Security numbers were compromised in government data breaches in 2014 alone. Already in 2015 the personal records of more than 22 million people inside and outside the government were stolen from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) by suspected Chinese hackers.

With data breaches continuing to make headlines on a weekly basis, public sector organizations must implement solutions to protect sensitive data, including health, financial, and identity information.

Many are turning to Secure Data as a Service, as it combines virtual data and service-based data masking, and represents a transformative solution that succeeds where traditional data security approaches fail. Additionally, this solution provides public sector application and IT teams with full, fresh, and secure data sets in just minutes, via self-service.

Please join i360Gov for a complimentary 60-minute webinar featuring excryption expert Charles Moore to learn more about Secure Data as a Service and how this solution can protect your enterprise.

Who Should Attend?

This educational webinar will be highly useful for our subscribers with IT job functions working in federal government. If you are unsure whether or not you can attend the live webinar, as long as you register today, you will receive a link for viewing the archived version at your leisure.

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Energy - Policy & Technology

Clean Power Plan Backers Urge Supreme Court Not to Stay Plan Implementation

Renewable Energy World: The Natural Resources Defense Council on Feb. 4 urged the U.S. Supreme Court to deny a request by various constituents, including over two dozen states, to block President Barack Obama's Clean Power Plan, saying that assertions of irreparable harm have no substance.

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Overnight Energy: Lawmakers keep watch on Flint crisis

The Hill: The water crisis in Flint, Mich. returns to lawmakers' agendas this week.

House Democrats announced Monday that they will hold a Steering Committee hearing on the matter this week. The group, a partisan committee, invited Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder (R) to testify, but Snyder declined, citing the release of his annual budget proposal.

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What's next for Ohio under Clean Power Plan?

Midwest Energy News: Little chance remains for a stay while Ohio and other states challenge the Clean Power Plan, say environmental advocates.

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U.N. agency seeks to end rift on new aircraft emission rules

Reuters: Europe and the United States tried to bridge differences over emissions standards for aircraft on Sunday as global aviation leaders prepared to adopt new rules that could affect Boeing Co and Airbus Group's production of the largest jetliners and freighters.

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State & Local Government - Policy & Technology

Hawaii's Big Island declares emergency over dengue fever infections

Reuters: The mayor of Hawaii's Big Island declared a state of emergency on Monday to deal with a growing outbreak of dengue fever, spread by infected mosquitoes, with 250 cases confirmed over the past four months.

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OH: Connect Ohio puts broadband programs on hold, waits for funding

Columbus Dispatch: Connect Ohio has had to pull the plug on some of its programs that promote broadband access while state lawmakers continue tinkering with funding for the organization — something that could continue through the spring.

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The information superhighway

American City & County: All big cities have one thing in common – traffic. It's frustrating, costly and bad for the environment. High level of traffic increase stress, lower quality of life and make a city less appealing. Traffic engineers are charged with making transportation systems run as efficiently as possible, but often the task seems impossible. However, with technological innovations and sophisticated data analytics, local governments are better able to battle gridlock now than ever before.

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Government's Troublesome Data-Hoarding Habit

Governing: The TV show host opens the front door and stops dead in her tracks: She sees one small aisle through the middle of the room, and on both sides are stacks of newspapers, magazines, clothing, and pizza boxes towering over her head. The homeowner leads her through the cluttered maze, claiming everything is under control and he knows exactly where all of his belongings are -- but there's just no possible way that's true.

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Education - Policy & Technology

Obama Crackdown on College Fraud

Inside Higher Ed: The Obama administration is creating a new office at the U.S. Department of Education dedicated to investigating and punishing illegal activity at colleges and providing debt relief to defrauded federal loan borrowers.

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How Should States Measure School Success?

Education Next: Most of today's K-12 accountability systems are, themselves, persistently underperforming. One of the big problems is that they lean so heavily on student scores from reading and math tests. Even if the system uses growth measures in addition to proficiency, those growth scores are also typically based on reading and math tests.

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Illinois Team Learns Cybersecurity Lessons in CyberPatriot Competition

Center for Digital Education: The room looked like something you'd see in Palo Alto or Mountain View: pizza boxes strewn across a table at one end, young people clustered around computer screens at the other, working in near silence except for the occasional mumble or electronic bleep.

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Former Secretary of Education Arne Duncan Grades Himself

TIME: Arne Duncan's administration of the Education Department saw plenty of notable accomplishments: billions of new dollars for preschool, a rewrite of the country's primary K-12 education law, a record high school graduation rate.

Yet for all he achieved in his seven years, a reflective Duncan said he's disappointed to leave office without having made sufficient progress in several other areas, including school desegregation.

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