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States Look to Career and Technical Education to Boost College Readiness

For states, ensuring high school graduates are ready to succeed in college and the workforce has never been more important because of a continuing economic trend-- jobs are demanding more and more skills and increasingly requiring some level of postsecondary training.

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Leading with Effective Communication

Leadership is the key component in managing an effective, long-lasting and far-reaching message. Along with leadership, there are two other drivers for success in every spoken exchange--control and preparation.

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Congress Renews the Children's Health Insurance Program

When President Obama signed the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 into law in April, he helped ensure more than 1 million children will continue to have health insurance.

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The United States' long-term economic growth will be determined by its ability to encourage the research and development that fosters innovation. This FREE CSG eCademy webcast, **Tuesday, May 5 at 2 p. m. EDT**, will showcase a newly released report by CSG and Elsevier, **America's Knowledge Economy: A State-by-State Review**.

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Health Care Jobs

In 2012, the 17 million health care and social assistance jobs made up 14.6 percent of all services producing jobs in the U.S., according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The bureau projects health care and social assistance jobs will grow to nearly 22 million and become the biggest job sector in 2022.

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States Explore Mileage-Based User Fees

On July 1, 2015, the Oregon Department of Transportation will begin assessing a charge of 1.5 cents per mile for 5,000 drivers of cars and light commercial vehicles who have volunteered for the state's Road Usage Charge Program, known as OReGO.

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E-cigarette Use Triples Among Middle and High School Students in Last Year

According to just-released Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data, 2 million high school students and almost half a million middle school students used e-cigarettes in 2014. E-cigarettes have taken over as the most commonly used tobacco product among high school and middle school students.

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CSG Overseas Voting Working Groups Take on Technology, Policy Challenges

The Council of State Governments' Overseas Voting Initiative convened meetings of their Policy and Technology Working Groups, April 13-15 in Pensacola, Fla. These meetings included time at the Naval Air Station Pensacola for the Working Group members to discuss military voting topics with the NAS commanding officer and voting Assistance officer.

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