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States, Local Governments Battle for Control over Fracking

While the country has been enjoying a surge in domestic energy production due to hydraulic fracturing, it has led to more development of wells close to homes and, in some cases, within city limits. Some cities are pushing back.

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Changing Times Call for Changing Strategies

As states compete more and more with each other and with countries around the world, many are looking to the private sector for ideas on how best to serve the business community and attract new employers. These new strategies involve public-private partnerships, as well as just listening to business leaders to help develop a focused plan for spending precious state dollars to attract business—which can include everything from education to infrastructure.

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Kennedy, Roberts Leave Everyone Guessing in ACA Oral Arguments

For U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, it was his questions; for Chief Justice John Roberts, it was his silence. The U.S. Supreme Court on March 4 heard oral arguments in *King v. Burwell*, where it will decide whether federal health insurance exchanges, operating in 34 states, can offer subsidies to middle- and low-income purchasers of insurance under the Affordable Care Act.

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Giving Veterans Credit Where Credit is Due

Veterans have unique needs when they attend college, but fortunately, state leaders can do quite a few things to help ease their transition into college, civilian life and the workforce.

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90K+ Kindergartners Exempt from MMR Vaccine in 2013-14

Only 94.7 percent of kindergartners in the 2013-14 school year had received the MMR vaccine, according to new data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This national level is below the recommended rate of 95 percent, which provides "herd immunity," extending protection to those who might not be able to receive the immunization due to medical conditions.

Jobs in State Government Remain Down in 2014

CSG's analysis of data from the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) found state government employment remains below the peak level reached in August 2008, but has seen gains on net for four consecutive months. From August to December 2014, state government employment fell in 15 states, stayed the same in four states and grew in 31 states for a net gain of 38,000 positions, or a growth rate of about 0.8 percent.

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Real GDP Growth, 2012-13

Real gross domestic product 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, representing 0.75 percentage points out of 1.8 percent total growth.

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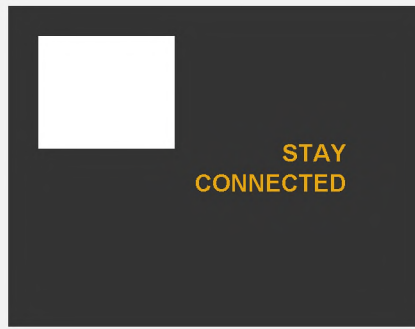
CSG, SIDO Webinar to Discuss STEP Program Grants

The Council of State Governments, State International Development Organizations and the Small Business Administration are teaming up to offer a free webinar 3 p.m. EDT April 13 on the 2015 State Trade and Export Promotion, or STEP, grant program solicitation. The STEP program provides matching-fund awards to states to help small businesses start or expand their exports in foreign markets. During the webinar, SBA representatives will provide an overview of the grant application, discuss eligibility materials and lead a question-and-answer session.

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