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#### **States Diversifying Use of Public-Private Partnerships in Infrastructure**

Many of the infrastructure public-private partnership, or P3, projects garnering the buzz at this year's InfraAmericas forum were somewhat different from those the U.S. P3 industry has become accustomed to over the last decade. The conference highlighted projects at major U.S. airports and on university campuses. There were transit project P3s, alternative fuel, highway lighting and water infrastructure projects and a variety of social and civic infrastructure projects--public buildings and the like--in the spotlight as well.

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#### **Supreme Court Decides Cases Affecting the States**

The U.S. Supreme Court decided, arguably, six big cases this term. Five of them affected the states directly. Three of those five cases were decided at the end of June. The major cases affecting states dealt with abortion, affirmative action and immigration.

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#### **10 Questions with National Drug Control Policy Director Michael Botticelli**

Michael Botticelli serves as the director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy at the White House. In long-term recovery from a substance use disorder for more than 26 years, Botticelli has worked to confront the stigma associated with substance use disorders, which can prevent individuals from seeking treatment. He believes making a variety of treatment options available is key to addressing the opioid epidemic and saving lives.

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#### **Human Trafficking--How States are Responding**

Human trafficking, a form of modern-day slavery, is a multibillion dollar, worldwide industry and one of the fastest growing criminal enterprises. States have taken action, however, setting up task forces to assess the extent of human trafficking and experimenting with policies to encourage reporting, train law enforcement personnel and increase the criminal penalties for perpetrators. This FREE CSG eCademy webcast will provide an overview of human trafficking and highlight examples of state, federal and non-profit collaboration to combat the crime.

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## Governors' Salaries 2016

The Council of State Governments has been collecting data on governors' salaries for *The Book of the States* since 1937. The average governor's salary grew more slowly during and after the Great Recession, with many states instituting a ban on cost-of-living adjustments; however, as the economic and fiscal health of states has improved, the annual increases normally seen in executive branch pay are returning to a more historically customary level in some states, particularly those that provide cost of living adjustments annually.

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## State Minimum Wage Update

On July 1, 2016, the minimum wage increased in Oregon, Maryland and Washington, D.C. The total number of states with a minimum wage higher than the federal rate of \$7.25/hour is 29, ranging from \$7.50 in New Mexico and Maine to a high of \$10 in Massachusetts and California and \$11.50 in the District of Columbia.

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## Driving Under the Influence of Cannabis

Twenty-five states and the District of Columbia currently allow marijuana use either for medicinal and/or recreational purposes. In light of a new report by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety that found drivers who recently used marijuana were involved in twice as many fatal car accidents in Washington after the state legalized cannabis, states are wrestling with the question: How high is too high to drive?

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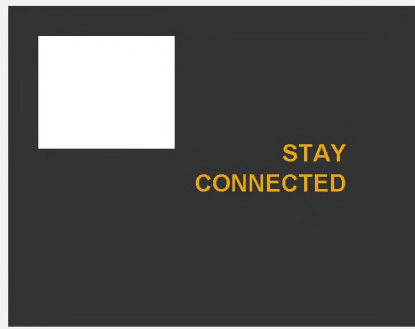
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