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Acquisitions – August 2013

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. CanagaRetna, Sujit. “Workforce development in the SLC states.” Southern Legislative Conference. The Council of State Governments. July 2013. 20 pg. (Manufacturing resurgence in the United States and efforts made to create a skilled workforce.) VF: Workforce Development.
2. Eickhoff, Michael. “Credits & incentives update.” Journal of State Taxation. Vol. 31. No. 5. July-Aug. 2013. Pg. 9-10. (Transparency and accountability related to state tax credit and incentive programs.)
3. Stallmann, Judith et al. “Public expenditures and economic growth.” Institute of Public Policy. Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs. Policy Brief. Report no. 09-2013. Aug. 2013. 8 pg. (This brief draws on the current tax and public expenditure literature to examine the impact of tax cuts and corresponding cuts to public services and infrastructure on economic growth.) VF: Economic Development.

EDUCATION

4. “Reimagining business involvement.” The Progress of Education Reform. Education Commission of the States. Vol. 14. No. 3. June 2013. REF LA 214.2. p76. 6 pg. (This issue sketches out new models of business involvement for creating certainty and continuity via greater guarantees of workforce readiness and the rigor of and quality of credentials awarded by postsecondary institutions.)
5. “Who pays the tab for K-12 education?” The Progress of Education Reform. Education Commission of the States. Vol. 14. No. 4. Aug. 2013. REF LA 214.2. p76. 7 pg. (How states allocate their share of education costs.)

EMPLOYERS & EMPLOYEES

6. CanagaRetna, Sujit. “Workforce development in the SLC states.” Southern Legislative Conference. The Council of State Governments. July 2013. 20 pg. (Manufacturing resurgence in the United States and efforts made to create a skilled workforce.) VF: Workforce Development.
7. Mejeur, Jeanne. “Work-share programs: alternatives to layoffs?” NCSL. LegisBrief. Vol. 21. No. 29. Aug. 2013. 2 pgs. (States save money by paying only partial unemployment claims, instead of full benefits, to laid-off workers.) VF: Employment practices.
8. Glazer, Sarah. “Telecommuting.” CQ Researcher. Vol. 23. No. 26. July 19, 2013. Pg. 621-639. (In the debate of the merits of working from home, some companies say allowing employees to commute reduces turnover and increases profits.)

ENVIRONMENT

9. Condon, Melanie & Scott Hendrick. “EPA air quality regulations: updates and uncertainties.” NCSL. LegisBrief. Vol. 21. No. 32. Aug. 2013. 2 pg. (Two recent EPA actions setting stricter standards has some states struggling with the increased red tape and expenses for businesses and industry.) VF: Air pollution.

FINANCE & REVENUE

10. Stallmann, Judith et al. “Comparing taxes in Missouri and surrounding states.” Institute of Public Policy. Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs. Policy Brief. Report no. 07-2013. May 2013. 12 pg. (This report summarizes studies of several measures of taxation in Missouri, as well as: AR, IL, IA, KS, KY, NE, OK, & TN.) VF: Taxation

FIREARMS

11. Bartels, Lynn. "Two states, same challenge." *State Legislatures*. Vol. 39. No. 7. July/Aug. 2013. Pg. 24-26. (Lawmakers in Colorado and Connecticut made tough calls in the wake of the mass shootings.)

HEALTH, WELFARE & SOCIAL SERVICES

12. "Comparative data report on Medicaid." 2010. A report submitted to the Fiscal Affairs and Government Operations Committee. Southern Legislative Conference. Council of State Governments. 138. Pg. (This report includes statistical tables and a summary of key findings based upon research and questionnaires distributed to each member state in the SLC.) VF: Medicaid.

13. Farquhar, Doug. "Preventing food-borne illnesses." NCSL. *LegisBrief*. Vol. 21. No. 31. Aug. 2013. 2 pgs. (New processing techniques, ever-changing technology, an increase in imported foods, and more farm-fresh fruits and vegetables mean not only more variety and more nutritious choices, but also more opportunities for food-borne illnesses.) VF: Healthy lifestyles.

14. Furukawa, Michael F. et al. "Hospital electronic health information exchange grew substantially in 2008-12." *Health Affairs*. Vol. 32. No. 8. Aug. 2013. Pg. 1346-1354. (Electronic health information exchange can improve health care coordination for patients by enabling more timely and complete sharing of clinical information among providers and hospitals.)

15. DesRoches, Catherine M. et al. "Adoption of electronic health records grows rapidly, but fewer than half of US hospitals had at least a basic system in 2012." *Health Affairs*. Vol. 32. No. 8. Aug. 2013. Pg. 1478-1485. (Large urban hospitals continue to outpace rural and nonteaching hospitals in adopting electronic health records systems.)

16. Adler-Milstein, Julia. et al. "Operational health information exchanges show substantial growth, but long-term funding remains a concern." *Health Affairs*. Vol. 32. No. 8. Aug. 2013. Pg. 1486-1492. (The results of a national survey finds that although much progress has been made in promoting health information exchanges, there is a substantial risk that may current efforts will fail when public funds supporting these initiatives are depleted.)

IMMIGRATION

17. Teigen, Anne & Ann Morse. "Driver's licenses for immigrants." NCSL. *LegisBrief*. Vol. 21. No. 30. Aug. 2013. 2 pgs. (States must now consider the requirements for issuing driver's licenses under the REAL ID Act, as well as a new federal policy that grants temporary status to unauthorized immigrants.) VF: Immigrants.

PRIVATIZATION

18. Landow, Paul & Carol Ebdon. "Private money for public projects." *Government Finance Review*. Aug. 2013. Pg. 56-60. (Does the flow of private dollars into public projects, however well intentioned, amount to undue influence over public policy?)

REFERENCE

19. State rankings 2013. A statistical view of America. CQ Press Fact Finder Series. Edited by Kathleen O'Leary Morgan & Craig Morgan. Sage Publications, Inc. REF HA 203 .U17 2013. 604 pgs. (In more than 500 tables, State Rankings 2013 compares every state and Washington, D.C. in the following areas: Agriculture, crime & law enforcement, defense, economy, education, employment & labor, energy & environment, geography, government finances, health, households & housing, population, social welfare, and transportation.)

20. Washington Information Directory 2013-2014. The definitive source for finding and making contacts at the U.S. government and nongovernmental organizations in Washington, D.C. Sage Reference. REF F 192.3.W33. 2013. (This directory allows the user to locate accurate, complete, and current information quickly and easily in a way that free internet searches cannot.)

STATE & FEDERAL RELATIONS

21. Clemmitt, Marcia. "Government spending." CQ Researcher. Vol. 23. No. 25. July 12, 2013. Pg. 597-615. (As compromise seems unlikely regarding sequestration, it is still unknown whether the public will eventually oppose the cuts, or accept trimmed-back services as the new normal.)

STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

22. Landow, Paul & Carol Ebdon. "Private money for public projects." Government Finance Review. Aug. 2013. Pg. 56-60. (Does the flow of private dollars into public projects, however well intentioned, amount to undue influence over public policy?)

23. Anderson, Tim. "Challenge of upholding legislative civility." Stateline Midwest. Vol. 22. No. 7. Pg. 1. (A mix of timeless moral forces, recent polarization trends interacting to pull good people apart.)

24. Noland, Brian. "Tolerance attracts talent: a stronger Missouri human rights act can grow our economy." UMKC Law Journal. Vol. 81. No. 3. Spring 2013. Pg. 747-750. (Attempts to weaken Missouri's Human Rights Act have been unsuccessful, but recent changes in Missouri's political landscape promise to reinvigorate the debate over proposed changes to the MHRA.)

25. Kaminsky, Jonathan. "The great evaluator." State Legislatures. Vol. 39. No. 7. July/Aug. 2013. Pg. 52-55. (Steve Aos helps lawmakers in Washington be shrewd stewards of taxpayers' money. His methods may be coming to a statehouse near you.)

26. Phares, Donald, Ph.D. "Missouri's economic and governmental status across states and over time: a comparison guide." Public Policy Research Center. University of MO-St. Louis. Feb. 2011. 77 pg. (This report looks at the status of the state of Missouri using a number of economic and governmental indicators, referred to as "factors.") VF: State government-Missouri.

TAXATION

27. Stallmann, Judith et al. "Comparing taxes in Missouri and surrounding states." Institute of Public Policy. Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs. Policy Brief. Report no. 07-2013. May 2013. 12 pg. (This report summarizes studies of several measures of taxation in Missouri, as well as: AR, IL, IA, KS, KY, NE, OK, & TN.) VF: Taxation.

28. "State gasoline, sales, and cigarette tax rates as of July 1, 2013. State Tax Review. July 2013. Vol. 74. No. 30. Pg. 16-17. (Map of the 50 states, and tax rates for each.)