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Manufacturing
in America:
An Interview
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Success Despite the Gridlock!

Welcome to a New Year! We are very proud of our own [Ginny Ainslie](#) for securing an increase in one critical, internationally important platform **from \$300 million to \$924 million**. KUDOS to Ginny, Laura, Renu and the team! To achieve success despite the gridlock, please call me, personally, at (202) 466-2511. We will help you craft a plan for success!

Congress will flirt with tax reform, but will focus on laying the groundwork for 2013. It is important to stake your position on tax reform now. We predict earmarks will be more or less dead, but federal grants will have increased clout. Reach out to us for grant strategies. Dodd-Frank financial implications will continue to be a thorny mess that will need clarification.

Healthy and Happy Year!

Caren Z. Turner

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Romney May Win New Hampshire But Still Has Hill To Climb To Win Hearts

By Carl Chancellor

As expected, voters in New Hampshire gave Mitt Romney his second win in as many contests Tuesday in the first-in-the-nation presidential primary. He pulled in more than 39 percent of the vote outdistancing his nearest opponent in the GOP presidential sweepstakes, Rep. Ron Paul of Texas who got almost 24 percent of the vote, by more than 15 percentage points.



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The Pentagon Budget Dilemma

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By Scott Orr

"Our nation is at a moment of transition," President Obama wrote in introducing his [Pentagon budget plan](#) for the coming fiscal year.

The transition the President referred to had to do with the winding down of U.S. operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and the move toward a leaner defense budget. But it also could have referred to an economic transition that will surely follow as the impacts of his planned defense cuts trickle down to contractors, sub-contractors and ultimately, American workers.

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Prospects Brighter for Longer Term Payroll Tax Cut

By Scott Orr

Last month's stronger than expected economic news did more than buoy investors' spirits and brighten President Obama's reelection chances, it also improved the chances Congress will act on a longer term extension of the middle class payroll tax cut.

Obama, cautious about sounding too optimistic about the state of the economy, focused instead on the [tax cut extension in remarks at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau](#) where its new director, Richard Cordray, was welcomed.

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