Federal Issue of the day - Sequestration

- Stems from Debt Ceiling Debate which resulted in Budget Control Act
  - 12 member committee tasked with $1.2 trillion in cuts/savings over 10 years
  - Failed to produce plan, triggering sequestration

- Sequestration - automatic, across-the-board cuts on January 2, 2013
  - Impacts almost all aspects of federal budget; ALL programs in DOE except Pell
  - Initial estimates placed sequestration cuts at 7.8%; more likely to be at 9.1%

- Cuts to USED will be between $3.5 and $4.1 billion
  - Estimated Education Impact at 7.8% level:
    - Title I: $1.1 billion
    - IDEA $978 million
    - Perkins: $136 million
    - Head Start: $590 million

- Good news – because of advocacy 2012-2013 school year will NOT be effected mid-year (January) unless you receive Impact Aid