



NASCOE News Flash

As you are all aware, the agency has begun planning for a potential shutdown in case there is a lapse in funding. The National Office conducted a conference call Friday afternoon with the employee associations to discuss the current status of the shutdown and to explain how employees would be affected going forward. I would like to share some of the main points from the conference call.

- Non-Federal CO employees and Federal GS employees are funded separately. Due to carryover funds from previous appropriations Non-Federal CO employees will continue to work if a partial shutdown occurs and GS employees will not.
- It is estimated the FSA has enough carryover funds for CO employees to work 4-6 days. It is our understanding that Monday and Tuesday holidays will take up 2 of those days.
- NRCS has more unexpended funds than FSA and they will remain at work longer than CO FSA employees if there is an extended furlough.
- Unlike previous furlough situations, employees on leave will **NOT** be required to come in when the furlough begins to sign a letter of acknowledgement. Employees will be able to do that on the first day after their scheduled leave.



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Please be assured that NASCOE is constantly monitoring the situation, both with the agency and Congress. Our legislative consultant and legislative committee have been sending out updates as they happen. Please take this opportunity to reach out to your state associations to make sure you are on their distribution lists. Also follow NASCOE News for Facebook and the NASCOE webpage for updates. We will be posting any new information as it becomes available.

Respectfully submitted,

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