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## Washington Hot Topics 2012

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## An election year budget battle

- Super committee's failure last year to find \$1.2 trillion in deficit-reduction measures could trigger across-the-board cuts, known as "sequestration," if no agreement (or changes to sequestration requirement) is made by end of this year
- Budget Control Act approved last August requires automatic
   \$1.2 trillion in across-the-board cuts
  - To be split evenly between defense and non-defense discretionary spending; to take effect Jan. 1, 2013
- Way is paved for an election-year battle: Partisan differences on how to address the budget issues continue

## FY 2012 Appropriations

### • Department of Education:

- Title VI-A&B and Fulbright-Hays programs funded at FY 2011 levels
- BUT zeros Title VI-C Institute for International Public Policy;
- Funds FIPSE European Union-United States Atlantis Program at \$2.1 million, but eliminates most other FIPSE funding;
- Eliminates funding for K-12 Foreign Language Assistance Program (FLAP)

### • Department of State:

 Educational and cultural exchange programs funded at FY 2011 level of \$598.8 million

## FY 2013 Budget Request

- President Obama released his FY 2013 budget request on February 13:
  - \$75.7 million for Department of Education Title VI-A&B and Fulbright-Hays programs, an increase of \$1.7 million
  - \$587 million for Department of State exchange programs, a decrease of \$12 million
- Congress unlikely to pass FY 2013 appropriations bills until after the November elections

### U.S. Department of Education Title VI & Fulbright-Hays Budget, FY10-13



## Title VI – Fulbright Hays FY13 request details

- \$1.7 million increase would be added to Domestic programs to support the goal of "increasing the global competency of all U.S. students, including those from traditionally disadvantaged groups"
  - Eight Title VI/FH programs would continue: NRC, FLAS, CIBER, LRC, UISFL, AORC, FH/DDRA, FH/GPA
  - Six programs would be zeroed: IRS, BIE, TICFIA, IIPP, FH/FRA, FH/SA

# Other Department of Education FY13 Requests

- Proposes \$800,000 increase for FIPSE's International Consortia Programs from \$2.1 million to \$2.9 million to cover continuations under the U.S./European (Atlantis), U.S./Brazilian and North American Mobility international consortia programs
  - No new special focus competitions planned for international consortia projects going forward
- Proposes \$90 million for a K-12 "new Effective Teaching and Learning for a Well-Rounded Education program" under yet-to-be reauthorized ESEA
  - Supports a menu of optional subject areas including foreign languages

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## State Department exchanges budget, FY10-13



## State exchanges FY13 request details

- Grapples with increasing demand for programs at time of falling budgets
- Heavy emphasis on "flexibility": programs that can be adjusted "to align with...foreign policy priorities" and that can "adapt to changing conditions overseas"

## State exchanges FY13 request details

- Funding for programs such as Fulbright and the International Visitor Leadership Program, as well as educational advising and English language teaching, remained flat, or received slight increases
- Funding reductions for several programs, such as the Gilman Scholarship Program and the American Overseas Research Centers

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