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Hi Member,

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VESi Page Correction

Last week, we shared an incorrect link to the VESi page. Thank you for your patience.

The correct link is: <https://feaonline.org/member-resources/professional-development/recertification>

VESi's dedicated FEA webpage: <https://www.virtualeduc.com/fea>

This updated page includes:

- The full VESi Q&A document
- A downloadable, current course list (note that offerings may change each semester)
- Clear instructions for member registration
- Available enrollment cutoff dates
- Clarification on how VESi credits may later be applied toward a master's degree at Augustana University

We encourage members to review the updated page to fully take advantage of this low-cost member benefit.

Potential Government Shutdown Information

In case you didn't see our January 28 (EST) update, here's what you need to know.

FEA shared an update yesterday regarding the possibility of a federal government shutdown at the close of business on Friday, January 30 (EST).

While the House of Representatives has passed several federal spending bills, six appropriations bills remain unresolved. The Senate has not yet voted on those bills, and that process may be delayed.

One of the remaining bills is the Department of Defense (DoD) appropriations bill. If it is not passed by the deadline, funding for the DoD after Friday is not guaranteed, which could affect operations.

At this time, there is no definitive guidance on whether a shutdown will occur. Clarity may not come until final votes are taken. There is even the possibility that there could be a brief appropriations lapse until the votes take place.

Unless and until the bills pass, there are a wide range of scenarios that could happen.

FEA is sharing this information so members are informed and prepared, not to cause alarm. We will continue to monitor developments closely and share updates as soon as more information becomes available.

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