

# Omnibus and Tax Extenders Are Top Priorities as December Deadlines Approach

## December 2015

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### ■ DECEMBER 4

**Highway Funding Expired** – Lawmakers passed a five-year, \$305 billion highway bill that was signed into law hours before existing spending expired at midnight on December 4.

### ■ DECEMBER 11

**Continuing Resolution Expires** – Unless Congress passes omnibus appropriations legislation or another short term patch before December 11, the government will shut down at midnight. A final omnibus package could fail if it is loaded with controversial provisions (e.g. refugee resettlement, immigration, environmental and financial regulation, crop insurance).

### ■ DECEMBER 18

**Congressional Recess (Tentative)** – Congress usually enters a holiday recess during the last two weeks of December, although delays are not unheard of. With the end of the legislative year approaching, lawmakers in both parties are focused on a package of tax provisions, known as “tax extenders,” that are typically renewed on an annual basis. Lawmakers may seek to expedite the process by attaching some tax provisions to omnibus appropriations legislation.

Sources: National Journal Research, 2015; Keith Laing, “Obama Signs \$305B Highway Bill,” The Hill, December 4, 2015