FURLOUGHS, PAY FREEZE, LAYOFFS TOP COST PROGRAMS IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Hiring freezes, pay freezes, layoffs, and furloughs top the list of ways that state and local governments are cutting costs, according to Survey Findings: The Great Recession and the State and Local Government Workforce by the Center for State and Local Government Excellence. Governments are cutting back on certain types of hiring and trimming their workforces while struggling to fill certain critical positions. Furloughs have not produced the savings that had been anticipated in some places. While 61 percent of the survey respondents say that they had achieved the savings that had been budgeted, 39 percent claim that the goal was not achieved. Other measures include changes in health care plans and retirement plans.
