Without knowing many language details, the FY 2012 education appropriations was finally passed by Congress on December 17th. Title I and IDEA would receive only slight increases ($60 million and $100 million, respectively) while Race to the Top would be cut from $700 million last year to $550 million with LEAs also allowed to apply. School Improvement Grants would be level-funded at $535 million. One big winner would be Promise Neighborhoods which would double to $60 million. Also included is: a) $160 million for a new comprehensive literacy program; b) a $425 million increase for Head Start which would total $8 billion; c) a cut in Teacher Incentive Fund of $100 million; and d) small cuts in the Math and Science Partnership. Overall, the Department of Education would receive a cut of approximately $150 million. Like last year’s Continuing Resolution, the devil will be in the details, which included a 1.5% unexpected hidden rescission which created budget uncertainty and a major slowdown in Title I purchases since October. When the final language in the Conference Report is published for public consumption, details will be included in a subsequent TechMIS update after our analysis is complete.