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For information about funding gaps, see CRS Report RS20348, *Federal Funding Gaps: A Brief Overview*, by Jessica Tollestrup.

For general information about the causes, processes, and effects of government shutdowns, see CRS Report RL34680, *Shutdown of the Federal Government: Causes, Processes, and Effects*, by Clinton T. Brass.

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Notes:

a. For information and analysis related to possible security vulnerabilities during periods of government uncertainty, see CRS Report RL34456, *2008-2009 Presidential Transition: National Security Considerations and Options*, by John Rollins.

b. For additional, prospective analysis of potential effects of a government shutdown on the Department of Defense, see CRS Report R41745, *Government Shutdown: Operations of the Department of Defense During a Lapse in Appropriations*, by Stephen Daggett.

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