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Media company McClatchy is asking its readers whether federal employees,

like many Americans, should be asked to take a pay cut. The private sector

job market is not expected to reach its pre-recession hiring levels until 2015

Earlier this week, The Washington Post's Ed O'Keefe noted that President

percent pay cut for the country's government employees. O'Keefe then

questioned whether the president could request a similar pay cut here if

On his first full day in office, the president also froze the pay of about 100

Edwards, director of tax policy studies at the libertarian Cato Institute, has

at least until the economy recovers and private sector wages improve.

said the White House pay freeze should be extended to all federal employees,

So should federal civilian workers be asked to accept a pay freeze or even a pay cut, particularly given the tough economy and the massive amount of

such a move have on future efforts to recruit and retain federal IT workers?

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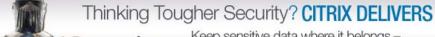
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