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Shane Skelton

Alliance for Innovation and Infrastructure

Last month, Shane Skelton left his post as counsel and policy adviser to the House Budget Committee to become executive director of the Alliance for Innovation and Infrastructure.



Shane Skelton is the executive director of the Alliance for Innovation & Infrastructure. (Chet Susslin)

The nonprofit, formed earlier

this year by former Transportation Department senior executive Brigham McCown, aims to find solutions "that we think could actually be implemented, that we think people on both sides of the aisle would find reasonable," Skelton says. The 31-year-old from Wisconsin, who has worked for a number of Republican lawmakers, says he's excited about the independent nature of his new role. "I got really excited about being able to do the things that I always did on the Hill—which was look at the policies, find potential ways to improve them, share ideas—but to be able to do that without any pressure, just, 'What's the best policy?' Not: 'Who supports what? What's the relationship with a particular district? Is there political pressure to do anything right now?'"