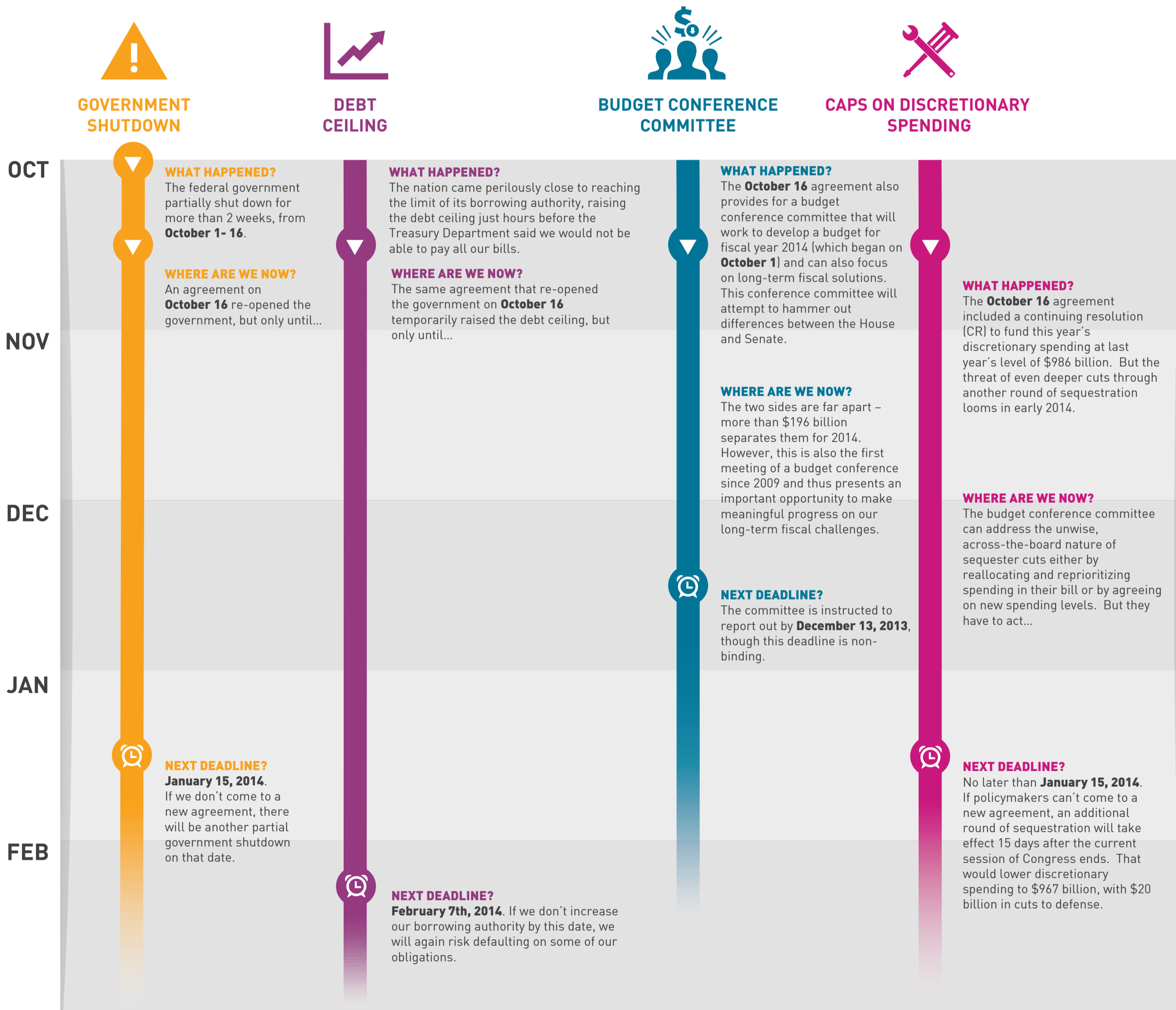


A WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY

With the recent government shutdown and brinksmanship over the debt ceiling, government-by-crisis has dominated the policy agenda. While an agreement was reached at the last minute to temporarily address some of our more pressing issues, new and important deadlines loom in the near future. Over the coming weeks and months, Congress and the President have a window of opportunity. Let's take a look at the fiscal calendar ahead.



After months of budget fights and government-by-crisis, policymakers now have a critical window of opportunity to break this cycle and put a long-term fiscal plan in place. The budget conference committee should embrace the chance to lay a foundation for more investment, stronger economic growth, a more secure safety net, and a brighter future for the next generation by developing a long-term, comprehensive plan. With new deadlines quickly approaching on the fiscal calendar, the time to act is now.