

The image contains the Ascender logo and a photograph of a tree. The logo is positioned on the left side of the image, featuring a stylized 'A' icon followed by the word 'ASCENDER' in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Below 'ASCENDER' is the tagline 'ELEVATING TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS' in a smaller, all-caps font. A green horizontal bar is located below the logo, containing the text 'ASCENDER GUIDES' in white, all-caps font. Below this bar is another instance of the Ascender logo, but in a smaller size. To the right of the logo and bar is a photograph of a tree trunk, showing the bark texture and some branches, with a green color overlay.

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The following business tasks have been identified for the month of December. Use the checklist below to ensure that the tasks are addressed, if applicable.

| Application(s) | Task |
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| Finance, Payroll | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> W-2 preparation: balance payroll for each month, quarter, and the year. <input type="checkbox"/> Complete your LEA's Payroll calendar year-end tasks. <input type="checkbox"/> Complete the time and effort documentation for employees who are paid wholly or partially through federal grants, and who may use semi-annual certifications rather than monthly records of time and effort. Perform any required payroll adjustments. <input type="checkbox"/> During the holiday break, monitor incoming mail for unemployment filings in order to allow sufficient time for the LEA to respond. |
| Finance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Continue the audit tasks. <input type="checkbox"/> Begin preparing for the indirect cost rate application if needed. (Note: LEAs claiming SHARS/Medicaid reimbursement will usually need to do this.) |



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