

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
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"/> Begin preparing for the indirect cost rate application if needed. (Note: LEAs claiming SHARS/Medicaid reimbursement will usually need to do this.) <input type="checkbox"/> Review the IDEA-B MOE compliance status using the TEA template prior to TEA releasing their preliminary reports. Gather information for any exceptions or adjustments that the LEA intends to claim. <input type="checkbox"/> Review the ESSA MOE compliance status using the TEA template prior to TEA releasing their preliminary reports.

PEIMS Business Reminders:

- Finish reviewing Business elements for the Fall PEIMS Submission.
- The Fall PEIMS snapshot date is the last Friday in October.
- Coordinate the timing of the Fall PEIMS Submission with the PEIMS Coordinator and student campus PEIMS staff.
- Complete the Fall PEIMS submission by the appropriate due date in December. Once the final file is submitted, review all of the final reports to ensure that you have an accurate record of submission.
- Begin working on the Mid-Year PEIMS Submission, which includes only Business records.



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