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Illinois ERP Program Featured by GovTech

Secretary Guerrier and Illinois ACTS Program Director Gregg Easterly recently sat down with Government Technology to discuss the ERP program. They shared background on the program as well as the impressive progress made in the past few years. The program is focused on improving financial transparency, operational effectiveness and audit compliance across the State. Following the recent January 1 go-live, the system went from tracking approximately 30 percent of the State’s budget to nearly 90 percent. Congratulations to the Illinois ACTS team for this outstanding accomplishment! Read more on the program [here](#) and how a commitment to user training is improving progress and adoption at agencies.

Illinois Recognized by NGA and NASCIO

The National Governors Association (NGA) and the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO) recently released a publication titled, Stronger Together: State and Local Cybersecurity Collaboration. The report highlights programs around the nation that states have initiated to enhance collaboration with their local governments and our own Illinois Cyber Navigators Program is featured. With a dramatic uptick in ransomware attacks across the country, states are creating programs to strengthen local partnerships in cybersecurity.

EPA Implements GIS Tools for Water Testing

Community Water Supply (CWS) systems, within Illinois, are required by law to submit water sample test results to the Illinois EPA. In many cases, a CWS may look for assistance from private labs that may not be headquartered in Illinois. The Illinois EPA Lab is encouraging all CWS systems within the state, to stay local with the help of GIS. Thanks to a new GIS web application, Illinois EPA can now provide an easy to understand map of the locations of the Illinois EPA Regional Office closet to the CWS. This enables communities to drop off their water samples, where the sample will be delivered to the Illinois EPA Lab and the CWS will not have to pay to have them shipped. This saves money for the CWS and increases business for the Lab. View an example of EPA’s GIS map [here](#).

DoIT FYIs & Reminders

February is Black History Month and Secretary Guerrier will be highlighting black pioneers in STEM. Be sure follow updates on our SoundBytes Blog, found on the employee portal.

In observance of Abraham Lincoln’s Birthday (Wednesday, February 12th) and Presidents’ Day (Monday, February 17th), State office buildings will be closed. Enjoy your days off as we honor leaders from our country’s history.