

This Week:

- **Smart States Visioning Workshop**
- **Pilot Innovation Center Opens**
- **Going Mobile Success Story with DOL**

Smart States Visioning Workshop

The Smart States Visioning Workshop was held this week on December 5 and 6 at the new pilot DoIT Innovation Center in the JRTC (see below). This interactive workshop included attendees from both the public and private sector and centered around building the 2017 vision for Illinois as a smart state. A report on the deliverables and a recap of the workshop will be coming soon. Event coverage found [here](#).



Pilot Innovation Center Opens

DoIT's Innovation Center had a 'soft opening' this week on the 6th Floor of the JRTC with a joint meeting of both DoIT advisory boards and the Governor. It offers an open concept work space and meeting areas. DoIT staff creatively repurposed furnishings and equipment to provide an inspiring setting that will encourage innovation and collaboration. The official opening will be in early January. The team is currently exploring similar ideas for the Springfield Innovation Center.

Going Mobile Success Story

This week the Department of Labor (DOL) announced their move to a mobile responsive online format for the day and temporary labor services agency application. This improvement transitions paper forms to a more convenient, secure and efficient method. DoIT continues to partner with agencies to further Governor Rauner's technology modernization initiative driving Going Mobile in Illinois. The announcement from DOL can be found [here](#).



DoIT FYIs & Reminders

Sharing the Gift of Preparedness

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) is focusing on holiday safety throughout December as part of its annual preparedness campaign. If you are trying to find the perfect holiday gifts for everyone on your list, consider safety gifts such as first aid kits, flashlights, and weather radios. For additional information, visit www.Ready.illinois.gov.

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