

This Week:

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Open Data Management Migration to Bring Savings

Bringing significant cost savings of close to \$1.2 million for Illinois, the new platform delivers a more user friendly and straightforward system to government transparency and the public seeking information provided by all bodies of state and local government. The state data practice will continue to make enhancements over the next several months to the already robust set of features and functionality as we continue to make the open data portal available to all public entities in the state. This migration is a huge step for transparency in government and it is hoped that many cities and counties will participate. Link here for more details in the recent [Press Release](#).

State of Illinois at GMIS 2017

The State of Illinois was well represented at this week's Government Management Information Science (GMIS) [GIANTS](#) conference in Bloomington, IL. The audience of public technology officials from around the state served as an excellent forum for digital discussion and collaboration. DoIT Acting Secretary Kirk Lonbom and IL CTO Mike Wons shared on "Enabling the Digital Economy in Illinois" and Lori Sorenson, Network Operations Manager, discussed services available for local government entities through master purchasing contracts in her "What's the State of Illinois got to do with IT?" remarks. Illinois Century Network (ICN) staff was on hand in the exhibit area to discuss these services in more detail.



Security Awareness Training Rolls Out

Cybersecurity is a top concern nationwide and awareness training recently became required for state government. The course provides an annual opportunity for all employees to establish and validate practices that will better secure the information assets and resources entrusted to us. Employees are asked to complete the course by November 17th. Link [here](#) for further information.

DoIT FYIs & Reminders

The State of Illinois will observe Veterans Day on Friday, November 11th to honor US veterans and victims of all wars. Offices will be closed.



Don't forget to register for the Chat Bot Hackathon December 5th and 6th and gain hands-on experience utilizing artificial intelligence and machine learning. Link [here](#) for more information.