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**Smart State Growth Continues**

In an active week of Smart State news, DoIT announced a new partnership between the state of Illinois and the University of Illinois System to expand and accelerate progress in our “smarter” efforts. The first phase of the partnership will focus on the National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA) and will help tackle large-scale data analytics and cybersecurity issues to accelerate innovation and safeguard citizens. More information can be found in the [full announcement](#).



**Cybersecurity Strategy Preview**

Governor Rauner shared improvements with cybersecurity in his recent State of the State address, including securing nearly 5 billion data records across the state. Illinois’ cybersecurity strategy moving forward will soon be released and the plan outlines the current threat context and provides five key strategies to strengthen cybersecurity in Illinois. For the latest, please visit our [Cybersecurity site](#) and watch for more information and announcements coming soon!

**Office 365 Expanding Across the State**

Progress continues on the Microsoft Office 365 deployment project. Department of Labor (DOL) is completed and Illinois Power Agency (IPA), Labor Relations Board (LRB) and Judicial Inquiry Board (JIB) are all finishing up. A number of other agencies, boards and commissions have received the project’s executive briefing and are arranging for testing O365 in anticipation of full deployment. Office 365 offers new mobility and collaboration features not available in previous versions of Office, allowing users to “get it done” from anywhere with Office 365!



**DoIT FYIs & Reminders**



**A Great Place to Hang Your Hat!**

[Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum](#)

Celebrate Abraham Lincoln’s 208<sup>th</sup> Birthday! Enjoy **FREE** museum admission all day on February 12<sup>th</sup>! Lincoln’s hat will be on display, as well as Mary Lincoln’s diamonds and original acquisitions. There will be historic characters, musicians, including the Liberty Clarinet Quartet from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., children’s crafts and games and other celebratory events.

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