

This Week:

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Blockchain Initiative Taking Shape



Interest and exploration continues to grow into the many opportunities that blockchain technology can bring to Illinois. This week, several members of the IL Blockchain Initiative, including Illinois' Chief Technology Officer Mike Wons attended the DC Blockchain Summit to learn and share our state's plans to expand across agencies and the creation of a legislative taskforce to explore blockchain. More information on Illinois' blockchain support plan can be found [here](#).

Smart State Efforts Recognized

Illinois' position as the first Smart State in the nation continues to be recognized and commended for the many benefits it brings for state residents and businesses. Smart Street Lighting efforts are currently being explored through an [RFP](#), as well as several key partnerships. Read [here](#) for a look at our Smart State journey from DoIT Secretary Designate Hardik Bhatt's interview with GreenBiz, released this week.



ITRP Vendor Sessions Kick Off



This week DoIT hosted the first of four information sessions for vendors participating in the Information Technology Resource Provider (ITRP) program. Monica Carranza, Cluster CIO, facilitated the session, held at the DoIT Innovation Center in Chicago. Nineteen vendors, who are part of the 77 pre-qualified vendor pool, learned details on the improved and streamlined procurement method including the selection process, the types of projects that will utilize the ITRP procurement vehicle statewide, as well as the state's expectations of the vendors. Future sessions will be in Springfield on March 27th and two online sessions. More information on ITRP can be found [here](#).

DoIT FYIs & Reminders

Have you completed a competency group survey? - If not, please do so quickly, as there's only one more week to submit input on your area(s) of interest by completing the very brief survey [found here](#). The deadline is March 24th and we hope to receive your feedback.

DoIT's March Motivation Blog – Be sure to check out DoIT's new [March Motivation Blog](#) series that shares the inspiring story of our new agency, as told through the lens of March Madness.

2017 StateScoop Awards – Voting is now open for the StateScoop Awards and runs through April 12th. There are seventeen DoIT nominations and your show of support for the hard work being done in Illinois would be greatly appreciated Illinois. Click [here](#) to vote.



Happy St. Patrick's Day, may the luck of the Irish be with you!

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