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### This Week:

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It's that time of the year again! The corn is high, humidity higher and the Illinois Department of Innovation & Technology (DoIT) is excited to once again host a booth in the Governor's Tent at the 2018 Illinois State Fair.

In celebration of the Bicentennial, Illinois tells a story of people, both famous and forgotten, who have changed our world in incredible ways; from the first handheld cell phone, to the invention of the microprocessor and LED technologies and the MRI, DoIT's booth will recognize individuals either born and raised in our great state or passing through, who dared to improve our lives with their dreams and perseverance. Abraham Lincoln, a progressive thinker in his day, pushed the envelope of technology when he recognized the value of the telegraph as an effective communication tool. Lincoln is also the only U.S. President who has held a patent. The backdrop for DoIT's historic amble through "Over 200 Years of Innovation and Technology" is Abe himself; a reproduction of the painting by [artist Stephen Fishwick](#) titled "Starry Eyed Freedom" from Fishwick's "Icons Collection".

Come with your inventor's spirit and hear how DoIT is continuing the legacy of these champions of curiosity by transforming information technology, implementing programs to further secure our data and systems, digitally enabling service provisioning to Illinois citizens and stakeholders and continuing to invest in smart technologies.

"We are excited to be a part of the Governor's tent again this year at the Illinois State Fair", said DoIT Acting Secretary Kirk Lonbom. "Illinois has a strong history of innovation and our agency continues that tradition of technology leadership today and into the future. We hope to provide fairgoers with a better understanding of our innovative history and progress with digital transformation at the State of Illinois." Truly a team effort, the exhibit has been a uniting interest for staff across DoIT. An additional artistic touch added to interest fairgoers is the "Tiny Abe" donated by felting artist, Jackie Rogers of the DoIT Security team. Technology doesn't have to be lifeless . . . follow us on Twitter [@illinoisdoit](#) and use the [#doitthinkit](#).

We look forward to greeting you at the corner of Brian Raney Avenue and Main Street. The tent will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. beginning Friday, August 10th through Sunday, August 19th.

### DoIT FYIs and Reminders

The [Smart Street Lighting Workshop](#) will be held next week on August 15<sup>th</sup> in Chicago. This event targets municipalities and governmental entities who want to learn about the State's smart street lighting master contract and the selected vendors, as well as how the technology can save money and improve services.

