State of Illinois
Department of Innovation & Technology

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DoIT's Hybrid Cloud Direction – A Project Series

Our fourth foundational technology is NSX, a software-defined networking (SDN) virtualization and security platform. VMware NSX is the networking layer that supports our software-defined data center (SDDC) and enables us to deploy multiple cloud solutions and services without compromising security or availability of critical applications. NSX embeds networking and security functionality, typically delivered by hardware, directly into the virtualization layer. We can now create, snapshot, store, move, delete, and restore entire application environments with the same simplicity and speed of a virtual machine. Entire applications can migrate from one location to another with minimal or no application downtime. Next week, Management Stack for the Hybrid Cloud . . .

Project Management Training Opportunities

There are plenty of opportunities to pick up project management skills that you can apply to your role in state government. Bobby Taruc of DoIT, recently addressed the Business Analysis Competency Group and provided a presentation to which you may link if you are interested in knowing more about the Project Management Institute (PMI) and PMP certification. For those in the Chicagoland area and a US military veteran, you are eligible to participate in a project management fundamentals class through Black Diamond Charities at no cost. Military veterans, including active duty, reservist and the National Guard can avail themselves of this unique program that can open doors to civilian and military career opportunities. Please link to the Black Diamond Charities website for further course and registration information.

Department on Aging Modernizes with Electronic Billing for Food Service

The Department on Aging recently replaced an 18-year-old process for billing monthly food service to Adult Day Care clients. The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) was previously an outdated and paper-intensive process. To modernize the system, a web application was built by DoIT staff and providers are now able to send in their monthly bills for providing food to clients by using this new application. The old process was fax machine dependent, very tedious, reporting was cumbersome and payments to vendors processed very slowly. The automated process can facilitate more timely payment to providers, state and federal reporting for potential additional funding and an improved experience for our state's providers.

DoIT FYIs and Reminders

Please remember to complete the brief survey that you received from DoIT.AgencyRelations on Monday of this week. Jennifer Ricker, our Acting Secretary and Chief of Staff, hopes to obtain a snapshot of DoIT and more importantly, understand how the employees feel about our direction and any suggestions for moving forward. The survey is open until March 1st and your input would be appreciated!