State of Illinois
Department of Innovation & Technology

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IL Racing Board System Gets an Update – Mainframe to the Web

In a collaborative effort that tapped resources from several DoIT teams and the business area, the Illinois Racing Board's parimutuel functionality recently made the leap from NOMAD to .NET. The parimutuel system tracks and validates all of horse racing bets in Illinois. This decades old system was a multi-step, manual and very labor-intensive process from the time files are received from the racing entities to when data is validated and taxes are paid. The new system is accessible from any browser and contains both established and ad hoc reporting capabilities. Representing Phase I of a four phase project, parimutuel set the stage for licensing, rulings and horse health to follow, with plans for the NOMAD system to be retired in 2022.

EPMO Continues to Educate

The Enterprise Portfolio Management Office (EPMO) offers a new course on February 18. PPM200 – Project Work Breakdown Structure (WBS), covers the definition of WBS, its purpose and benefits, as well as how to apply WBS to projects. Participants will also learn to create a Work Breakdown Structure in MS Visio and MS Project. This 1-credit class, taught by Eric Fyalka, DoIT Project Manager and Business Analyst, is created for project members, schedulers and project/program/portfolio managers. Registration on OneNet is required.

A Day in the Life

A Microsoft Teams site was created for the Oral History program at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM), representing yet another example of how technology enables remote work. ALPLM staff can now coordinate the transcription of interviews with volunteers using the functionality of Microsoft Teams. Interview audio files are shared with transcriptionists who take the interview and upload the draft to Teams for the Oral History department to process. Now others can experience the personal stories that many Illinois citizens have been willing to share through the use of technology. Browse the collection of oral histories available from the warmth and comfort of your home, but don't forget that the Museum is also open for visitors with some temporary admission policy changes during the pandemic. More details can be found here.

DoIT FYIs and Reminders

February is Heart Health Awareness Month. Start today with some lifestyle changes. Reduce your stress, exercise, know your risk factors, get a check-up, eat healthy and don't forget to eat some chocolate! More information and guidance from the American Heart Association.

State office buildings will be closed as we celebrate Abraham Lincoln's birthday on Friday, February 12 and Presidents' Day, Monday, February 15.