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This Week:

- Smart Street Lighting Master Contract Announced
- ERP Progress Continues with January 1st Go Live
- DOL Utilizes New Platform to Make Processing of Licensing Fees More Efficient

Smart Street Lighting Master Contract Announced

This week, progress with the <u>Smart Street Lighting Program</u> was announced. As part of Governor Rauner's vision to transform technology in Illinois, any unit of local government under the Joint Purchasing Program can more effectively explore upgrading their street lights. Offering operational

efficiencies and smart technology, smart street lighting enables and enhances data gathering and sharing among and between government entities in an effort to deliver better service to the residents of Illinois by utilizing the Internet of Things (IoT). Upcoming plans include holding a Smart Street Lighting workshop in early 2018 and forming Municipal Group 1, comprised of the first municipalities to utilize the master contracts.

ERP Progress Continues with January 1st Go Live

The IL Accountability Credibility Transparency Sustainability (ACTS) Program/Enterprise
Resource Program (ERP) added five additional agencies on January 1st to the ongoing rollout. Following more than 100 deep dive sessions, two months of user acceptance testing,
instructor-led and computer-based user training, IL ACTS now provides enterprise accounting
for approximately 700 users from 18 agencies, including the Department of Children and Family Services. As a
successful and major step toward streamlining the administrative functions of Illinois state government, ERP is a
critical component of digital transformation. More information can be found on the IL ACTS Program site.

DOL Utilizes New Platform to Make Processing of Licensing Fees More Efficient

The Illinois Department of Labor (DOL) became the first agency to integrate licensing applications with a new payment processor. The automated system replaces paper checks and allows fees to be processed by the Treasurer and deposited in the bank more efficiently, with greater security and

speed. Providing inherent tracking and reporting, accounts and transactions can be reconciled seamlessly. Since implementation on November 1st, nearly \$500,000 in licensing fees has been efficiently processed through the new integrated platform.

DoIT FYIs & Reminders

<u>DATE CHANGE</u>: Mark your Calendars for the <u>January 18th</u> DoIT Town Hall Webcast at 10:00 a.m. Questions and topic suggestions can be submitted to <u>DoIT.Communications@illinois.gov</u>. An email with the webcast link will be coming next week.

