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April is IT Month in Illinois

Governor Rauner proclaimed April as Information Technology Month in Illinois in recognition of the state's digital transformation and the positive impact of technology advancements for the state. The creation of DoIT launched the establishment of an enterprise IT organization for the State of Illinois, with five key components of that effort including: digital transformation, securing the state, digital enablement, efficiency through innovation and building a smarter state. The technology industry provides a strong economic impact in Illinois, as reported in the 2018 Cyberstates study, published by CompTIA, the world's leading technology industry association.

Python User Group (PUG) Builds Valuable Skillset

Data is a new class of asset for government organizations and "data-driven decision-making" is demonstrating significant productivity gains. Data Science is the discipline that makes it possible and Python, the high-level language for general-purpose programming is used by data scientists, budding analysts and experienced software engineers alike for its readable syntax and succinct style. With an ecosystem of over 72,000 libraries (and growing) in the Python Package Index, the Python User Group encourages interested programmers to build a skillset that will contribute to the data revolution that is gaining momentum. For further information and schedule of user-group meetings, link here.

Office 365 Training Resources Available from your Desktop

Spread the Word! DoIT is offering Microsoft Office 365 online education and resources directly from your desktop now through June 30th. This is a unique opportunity to view videos, participate in webinars, ask real-time questions or build skills on a myriad of Microsoft products through self-paced learning options. Whether or not you have been fully migrated to Office 365, please take advantage of all the resources available to delve deeper into our menu of desktop applications. Sample some of the convenient learning vehicles for: Outlook, Excel, PowerPoint, Project, SharePoint and Word through Office 365 Support and Resources.

DoIT FYIs & Reminders

DoIT/Illinois Blockchain Initiative was awarded the Capital City Innovation of the Year for Government Solutions**. Congratulations to all involved!**

Check out the article **in Illinois Municipal League's April Review Magazine (page 26) on our Smart Street Lighting initiative.**