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Innovation Incubator 2 (i2) at Work at DCEO

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), in support of the Business and Workforce Cluster's Innovation Incubator (i2) project, has dramatically improved the way that raw data is analyzed using the Microsoft Power BI visualization tool. The new visualizations improve DCEO's ability to demonstrate Illinois' strengths, such as in workforce, to potential clients. This new approach also reduced the manual processing involved with producing and analyzing reports.

Staff Recognized by UIS Graduate Public Service Internship (GPSI) Program

DoIT participates in the [UIS Graduate Public Service Internship \(GPSI\) Program](#) and two of our staff were recently recognized. Judy Zhu, Intern for the ICN, was nominated for the Brian Milbrandt Intern Award and Lori Sorenson, Chief of Network Operations, was awarded the [2018 Sagarika Madala Supervisor Award](#) as a supervisor and mentor. The GPSI 21-month program, considered one of Illinois' top government internship programs, has been in existence for the past 44 years and graduates of the program often begin careers in government at all levels. Nearly 3,000 graduate students have been placed in internships at more than 45 state agencies since the program's beginning. Students of all academic backgrounds are eligible to apply to the program. Congratulations to Lori and Judy and thank you to all of our hard working GPSI Interns!



DFPR Releases Portal for Online Real Estate Licensure

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (DFPR) takes yet another step forward in modernizing state government services. DFPR launched online licensure for real estate professionals through a recently announced portal. Replacing a manual system of mailing documents and payments that formerly took up to four weeks, licensee transactions now happen within days. There are 85,000 real estate brokerage licensees in Illinois and DFPR processed 9,300 applications last year. The new system availability rounds out the list of automated systems supporting Real Estate Brokers in Illinois.

DoIT FYIs & Reminders

It is that time of year again. Beginning May 1, 2018, our annual **Benefit Choice Period** begins. Educate yourself about the health care options available for state employees. You will need to make any changes by May 31, 2018 to take effect July 1st. Discover your options [here](#).

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