STATE OF ILLINOIS
KNOWLEDGE REPOSITORY – PHASE 1

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The State of Illinois is pleased to present the first deliverable of the Illinois Interoperability Project (CFDA 93.075): the State of Illinois Knowledge Repository Phase 1.

About the Knowledge Repository

The State of Illinois Knowledge Repository Phase 1 is a collection of documents compiled by the State of Illinois on governance models in the healthcare, human services, IT, public, and private sectors. Saved in an online database, the Knowledge Repository is composed of reports, white papers, presentations, and other reference materials related to governance in the United States and abroad. In addition to original documents, the Repository contains a “Knowledge Repository Matrix,” which can be used as a reference guide to the documents in the Repository. The Knowledge Repository Matrix includes information on the documents’ titles, authors, sources, and dates of publication, as well as categories and summaries composed by the State of Illinois.

Research Process

A number of research questions guided the State of Illinois’ research process, including:

- What are the lessons learned from existing governance efforts?
- Are there examples of successful governance models that can be applied in Illinois?
- Are there models outside of the healthcare and human services industries that can inform Illinois’ efforts?

Based on the questions above, the State of Illinois ranked documents according to their relevancy to the State of Illinois Interoperability Project. Relevancy was determined by the documents’ level of detail, lessons-learned, and potential for applicability in Illinois. Only documents that were ranked most relevant were included in the Repository.

Next Steps

The State of Illinois envisions that the Knowledge Repository will remain a “living” body of research throughout the duration of the Illinois Interoperability Project. As the State of Illinois continues to examine best practice in governance models, the Knowledge Repository and Matrix will be constantly updated and amended to better reflect the findings of the Illinois Interoperability Project. The State of Illinois will also improve the Repository’s usability so that it may serve as a reference point for other states and communities exploring governance initiatives. Phase 2 of the Knowledge Repository will include an updated online database that will be searchable by key words and categories. The list of categories in the Matrix will also be expanded to provide additional filters for analyzing the documents. Examples of new categories may include “level of governmental jurisdiction” or “single agency v. multi-agency.” We anticipate including webinars, videos, and other media in addition to the documents that
are included in Phase 1. A legend explaining the State of Illinois’ research assumptions and criteria will also be incorporated during Phase 2.

The State welcomes your comments on the State of Illinois Knowledge Repository Phase 1.

Sincerely,

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