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### **IDOT Employee Innovations Showcase, Awards Ceremony**

**SPRINGFIELD** – The Illinois Department of Transportation is recognizing 40 finalists for its second annual Innovative Ideas Contest, an in-house initiative to encourage creative problem solving that results in improved service for the traveling public and potential savings for taxpayers.

More than 100 technical ideas and 70 operations ideas were submitted to IDOT's internal selection committee. Submissions were evaluated by size and scope of problem, creativity in coming up with a solution, ability to scale implementation statewide, and potential to save time, money or other valuable resources for the state.

A finalist showcase will feature interactive displays on the best innovation from each of IDOT's nine districts and central office. Acting Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman will honor finalists and announce the winning ideas during a brief recognition ceremony.

**WHAT:** Second Annual Innovative Ideas Contest finalist showcase and awards ceremony

**WHEN:** Wednesday, March 27  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Finalist showcase, lobby and cafeteria  
3-3:30 p.m.: Award ceremony with Acting Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman, cafeteria

**WHERE:** Hanley Building  
2300 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield

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