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Ohio EPA Consolidates IT Services

In an effort to realize Ohio Governor John R. Kasich's vision to promote shared services and cost controls at all levels of government, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency recently consolidated its information technology data center infrastructure at the State of Ohio Computer Center (SOCC).

The move to the SOCC is the first of its kind by a state agency and was done in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Administrative Services' (DAS) Office of Information Technology (OIT).

The consolidation will provide increased resource sharing and cost saving partnerships between Ohio EPA and OIT team members.

"Governor Kasich is asking state and local government agencies to participate in the shared services effort," Ohio EPA Director Scott Nally said. "Ohio EPA and DAS are setting an example that others will eventually follow. By combining our services, we can better focus on our core mission – serving Ohio taxpayers."

"This move is impressive in itself but even more so because it is the first step to achieving a much larger picture. State agencies CAN work together and collaborate to accomplish good things – the right things - that benefit the State and are consistent with the Governor's objectives. EPA is leading the way," said Ohio Department of Administrative Services Director Robert Blair.

Currently, the State of Ohio has over 30 data centers spread around the state. Under Governor Kasich's IT consolidation plan, most of them will eventually be added to the SOCC, saving Ohio taxpayers millions of dollars.