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ATTENTION: All Customers

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Introduction:

The California Department of Technology (CDT) is developing an open source technology innovation environment within CalCloud. The California Innovation Lab will be a place for organizations to develop, build, and test open source technologies within the State's data center.

Summary:

This innovation lab is the first of its kind in California government and will provide a radical shift in the development of potential technology offerings by government and its partners. The California Innovation Lab will foster information, code, and technology sharing among participants.

As part of the development of this innovation lab, CDT will create sound policy and standards around the use of open source technology within the state's open source cloud environment. This will foster a highly collaborative environment between State, City, County, and open source experts that will expand and share civic application and technology development, all the while leveraging industry best practices and lessons learned from the Open Source community.

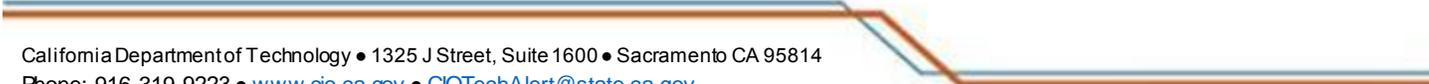
The California Innovation Lab uses the Redhat Open Shift technology platform residing in CalCloud, which allows developers to leverage a full suite of resources to build open source technology solutions. Users can easily and quickly develop, build, and test applications in a safe environment without fear of failure or risk. This will allow California government to collaborate, share, and reuse technology. The lab will provide more efficient and transparent development cycles, cost effective solutions, and foster an open source development culture in the state's IT community.

Effective Date:

The California Innovation Lab is available via a soft launch today, July 29, 2016. Please look for future announcements on this effort. Additionally, the workflow associated with the Innovation Lab will be presented at an upcoming AIO/CIO meeting. Visit innovate.ca.gov for more information and to participate in the Innovation Lab.

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If you have questions or need further clarification, please contact your CDT Account Lead by using the [Account Lead Directory](#), or call the Customer Delivery Division at (916) 431-5476.



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