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Subject: SC Summit on IT - IT-oLogy follow up

Hi Christian. This is Todd Lewis with IT-oLogy. I hope you're doing well.

I'm writing to follow up and to invite you and Governor Haley to attend the Summit on IT coming up on April 23 at IT-oLogy. I know we discussed this when we met a couple of weeks ago but I wanted to touch base again and extend an invitation. I really feel it's a great event for the Governor to be a part of.

Also, please know you're more than welcome to tour IT-oLogy whenever your schedule permits. It's a very cool place and we're providing a lot of IT education.

I have included information about the Summit below. Take a look and let me know if you have questions or need anything. We would love to announce Governor Haley as a Featured Speaker (giving the welcome in the morning) as soon as possible, assuming it works out of course.

Thanks. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Todd

The website:

<http://www.it-ology.org/en/Business/Summit%20on%20Information%20Technology.aspx>

The Summit on Information Technology
Wednesday, April 23
IT-oLogy, 1301 Gervais Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Event Description:

Join technology, business and education leaders as well as elected officials from across South Carolina for a discussion on the state of Information Technology (IT) in the state. Information technology is driving innovation and impacting job creation and growth across all sectors of our economy. More than 67,000 people across South Carolina are employed in a technology-related occupation at an average salary of \$64,693, and the numbers of these jobs and their economic impact will only increase in the future.

Is South Carolina competitive on a national and regional level? What incentives and innovations are being implemented here and elsewhere and what best practices should we pursue? How does IT impact economic development? What are we doing to stay competitive with an educated workforce? What role does public policy play in making us a progressive and more IT/business friendly state?

If South Carolina is to remain competitive we MUST establish benchmarks, understand the issues involved, and develop a comprehensive strategy and work together moving forward. Please join us as we attempt to do these things.

Information technology is in everything we do, every business we run and every job we pursue in 2014 and beyond. Will we be at the forefront or will we merely react and fall behind others? The choice is ours.

Who:

- IT leaders across all industry verticals, to include CTOs, CIOs, CEOs, IT Directors, IT decision makers of all types in education, state and municipal government, manufacturing, healthcare, professional services, banking, and entrepreneurship (the start-up community).
- Elected officials at all levels
- Economic development officials at all levels

Purpose:

The purpose of this day long event is to inform and educate attendees about what's currently being done across the state, to gather input from attendees in each industry vertical, and to exchange ideas. Networking opportunities will be plentiful. This is a *must attend* event for IT, education and policy leaders throughout South Carolina.

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PLEASE JOIN US WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23 at IT-oLogy

Join Technology, Business and Education leaders from across South Carolina as we examine the current state of Information Technology in the state and its impact on the overall economy. IT is driving innovation and impacting job creation across all sectors, and this influence will only increase in the future. If the state is to remain competitive, benchmarks must be identified, issues must be understood, and a strategy must be developed. **This is a must attend event!**

This event will feature IT leaders from across all industry verticals in South Carolina, including CIO's, CTO's, CEO's, economic developers, state and municipal officials, elected officials at every level of government, and educators.

Selected Speakers

For a complete listing of speakers, [click here](#).

Matt Gardner, Senior Fellow for Innovation at the Bay Area Council Economic Institute, will discuss the landmark study “Technology Works”, how South Carolina compares to other states in the context of IT, and national IT trends. Technology thought leaders from each geographic region of the state will then provide an overview of activity in their area. An industry specific think tank session will follow. The day will end with a summary from each session leader and an initial plan to move forward will be formulated.

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