In October, DIS hosted the 14th annual Digital Government Summit. The summit allowed over 200 public sector technology leaders to come and learn about updates on ever-changing technology. Thank you to everyone who joined us. We hope you had as much fun as we did!

Exciting news!

We are thrilled to announce the launch of KnowBe4, an enterprise security awareness training platform, that will soon be available across our organization. This powerful tool will enhance our cyber security measures and empower you to contribute to a safer digital environment.

Stay tuned for more details on the rollout and training modules to make the most of this valuable resource.

Please contact dis.crm@arkansas.gov for more information regarding this service.
Ray Girdler began working for the State of Arkansas in 2016 and joined the DIS team as a State IT Security Specialist in June 2023. Ray works closely with the Arkansas Chief Information Security Officer, Gary Vance, and is assisting with the new statewide cyber security policy rollout. He is also establishing a consistent method for vetting minimum cyber security standards for third-party vendors and developing statewide security awareness training.

Before his current role at DIS, Ray worked as the Director of Data Use and Privacy in the Division of Research and Technology at the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE). One thing Ray observed at ADE that helped him succeed at DIS was the work ethic of those he worked with and how they “invested their time and love” in their jobs.

Ray enjoys hiking, camping and being outside in his free time, where he plays disc golf with his boys. A fun fact about him is that he ran cross country in college.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT
Ray Girdler // State IT Security Specialist

MICROSOFT LEARNING DAYS!
On December 12th and 13th, DIS will host Microsoft Learning Days at the Commerce Building. The days will include intel training on Teams features, future functionality within M365, security and compliance, Power BI and more.

Email dis.crm@arkansas.gov to RSVP or for any questions. Please scan the QR code for the agenda.