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REJIS’ data center project was one of 26 regional IT projects recognized at the Inaugural Gateway to Innovation Conference. The conference is one of the activities of Innovate St. Louis, a non-for-profit organization chartered by business, civic, university leaders and the St. Louis Regional Chamber & Growth Association (RCGA). The recognition acknowledged the IT projects for their benefit to all industries, the economy and the general public in the St. Louis region. Innovate St. Louis is an outgrowth of the Technology Gateway Alliance, which was established by the RCGA in 1998 as a successor to its then-Science & Technology Committee.

Innovate St. Louis is a high-level organization that sponsors multiple activities. Working alone, and in partnership with the region’s universities, industries, civic and economic development organizations, foundations and other not-for-profit entities, they seek to create a new culture of innovation and entrepreneurship.

REJIS’ partnership with the State of Missouri in the development of this project was an example of the innovation and entrepreneurship promoted by Innovate St. Louis, as the data center is vital part of the government infrastructure, which is important to the economic growth of the region. The new data center replaced an obsolete facility that was part of the REJIS general office building. The new center, built in space previously occupied by a parking lot has doubled the space allocated for the data center. It includes features such as enhanced security, designed and constructed to withstand natural and man-made catastrophic events along with improvements supporting daily operations, such as better loading dock and storage areas, cable management system, 24” raised floors, and emergency generator for power with redundant power and data inputs to computing equipment.

An in-house project team was instrumental in monitoring construction activities, building teamwork and creating a move-in plan that resulted in a service interruption of only 118 minutes, a critical issue, since nearly all law enforcement agencies depend on REJIS availability to carry out routine activities. The result was a project completed on time, and well under budget that positions REJIS to continue, and expand providing mission critical IT services to criminal justice and general government entities.