

**How to improve state's high-tech biz climate**

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Readers responded with dozens of top-notch ideas to my recent column seeking suggestions for improving Illinois' high-tech business climate. As promised, I will forward them all to Doug Whitley, president of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, whose organization is working on a blueprint for action for the next governor.

Here are some of my favorites:

Steve Lundin, managing director of BIGfrontier Communications Group, agrees with Royce and adds, "Let's start by making the Chicago the nation's first totally wireless urban center. That means wi-fi (wireless Internet access) everywhere. On the lakefront, on the street, heck, even in public bathrooms. When the powers that be take technology seriously, engage and encourage a community, then we'll begin to attract new business. Little steps make a difference. Put up a network and people will begin talking on it and about it."

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