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### NEWS & TRENDS

**What's good for the workforce is good for cities:** A half-million tech jobs go unfilled in the U.S. because companies can't find qualified candidates. Is it happening in your city? Learn how a new initiative will bring together several levels of government with the private sector to seek a fix. [MORE >>](#)

**Judge for yourself how courts are getting smarter:** In Texas, citizens can sign in for jury duty online, which saves time and increases jury participation. A new laser scanner Pennsylvania police are using means jurors can see visual evidence of crime scenes in 3D. Click for more on benefits of smarter courts and how IBM, Imex Systems, Oracle and SunGard Public Sector are helping make them reality. [MORE >>](#)

**Smart grid's economic benefits:** Chattanooga's utility and S&C Electric have won international attention for efforts to improve electric grid reliability and provide customers with super-fast Internet service. But the smart grid benefits extend far beyond fewer outages and Internet bragging rights -- for example, jobs and investment capital. [MORE >>](#)

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### PILOTS & PROJECTS

**Connecting Bristol with a wireless canopy:** The British city of Bristol will soon be under a wireless canopy designed to turn it into an open innovation lab and dazzle citizens with technology's potential. The ambitious project, which Silver Spring Networks is partnering on, aims to turn Bristol into a hotbed of smart city research. [MORE >>](#)

### TOOLS & RESOURCES

**How to deal with Uberization:** Widespread Wi-Fi, fancy smartphones and killer mobile apps are empowering private citizens to offer goods and services outside of normal business channels. The phenomenon -- commonly known as the sharing economy or on-demand economy -- may soon be coming to your city, if it hasn't already. A new report from the National League of Cities can help you prepare. [MORE >>](#)

#### Business opportunities in India

As India continues toward creating 100 smart cities, there are opportunities for businesses to help. The U.S. Trade and Development Agency is hosting a webinar March 16 to discuss India's needs and how companies can help address them. [Click for details >>](#)

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#### A world beyond cash

Much of the world's population does not have access to a bank account or any other reliable way to store and access their money. They are reliant on cash and all the perils that come with it. Financial inclusion, as this brief video from MasterCard explains, is the idea that everyone deserves the tools to participate in a growing economy.

[Watch the video >>](#)

### SMART CITY EVENTS

**3.23: India Smart Cities Investment Summit** -- New Delhi

**3.25: ANSI Cities Network** -- Webinar

**4.7: Future Urban Systems: The Convergence of a Smart Integrated Infrastructure** -- Webinar

**4.16: TECHX1** -- London

**4.21: IoT Global Innovation Forum** -- Dallas

**4.26: Smart Cities Readiness Workshop** -- Dubai

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