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Your city is only as smart as your people. You need to cultivate the next generation of workers that businesses need. **Steal these four ideas.** Schools are filling the **smart cities talent gap**. Check out the **schools of tomorrow**. See how the **Internet advances women**. And learn why your **school buildings matter**.

Now you're caught up,
Jesse

Time is running out to win a Readiness Challenge Grant. There is less than one month left to enter to win one of the Council's Smart Cities Readiness Challenge Grants. Five U.S. cities will win customized help and tools to use technology to become more livable, workable and sustainable. Don't miss out. Start your application today.

Smart cities need smart people. Here are 4 ideas to teach them. A smart city isn't just technology. It's also made up of smart people. Your job market depends on it. Here are four great ideas for nurturing your next generation of workers so that you have the labor force businesses covet.

Thank your universities (because they're filling the smart cities talent gap). Because a smart city's success depend so heavily on complex systems and technologies, one question often asked is: where do we find the skilled tech professionals capable of operating and administering them? Fortunately, more and more universities and other institutions are stepping up to fill the talent gap.

How Jessica Orji discovered the Internet is not "a man's world." Jessica Orji of Lagos, Nigeria believed the "Internet was a man's world." That was before she attended a computer course through Intel's #SheWillConnect initiative. Now with the skills and confidence to explode that myth, she's using the Internet to grow her hairdressing business -- and inspire other girls in her community.

Why smart schools should be using smart building materials. School buildings, like any other building, should be energy-efficient and cost-effective. Dow Building Construction's Tim Lacey shares insights on why and how choosing advanced building materials can help ensure new school buildings and upgrades meet those criteria.

Tomorrow's schools: Lessons from Pittsburgh, San Antonio, Chicago and more. What will tomorrow's schools look like? Several cities are already building them, earning an economic advantage from companies hungry for well-skilled workers. From after-school STEM programs and tablet computers to virtual schools and virtual reality, here are some ideas to consider.

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