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Updates on smart city progress around the globe

NEWS & TRENDS

Open data for energy! Experts have long predicted that real-time energy data would create a bonanza of new energy services. Now Enel and partners from 10 EU countries are determined to make it happen. Read about the new Flexiciency initiative. [MORE >>](#)

India's most promising smart cities? While India continues to work on its vision of 100 smart cities, a new report already suggests the 20 most promising cities to make the transformation in the next phase. Click for an update on the evolving India smart city scene, including some of the companies ready to help make the vision reality. [MORE >>](#)

Boosting smart city brainpower: Will cities have the highly skilled workforces they need to operate smart infrastructure and drive the digital economy? Companies like Bechtel, IBM, MasterCard and Qualcomm aren't so sure, which is why they're helping fill the gaps. See what it could mean for your city. [MORE >>](#)

Partner spotlight: Schneider, Itron, Mercedes-Benz, Veolia

Schneider Electric technology will automate new Las Vegas showplace... Itron will help North Miami Beach modernize its water infrastructure... Your new ride? Mercedes to unveil new version of its limo popular with pols... Veolia partners to close the loop on agricultural waste. [Get the details >>](#)

PILOTS & PROJECTS

Test driving gigabit apps in Chattanooga: Chattanooga continues its quest to become a digital solutions hub. Subscribers to the city's ultra-fast Internet service are now getting a chance to develop and test drive smart city solutions of the future, thanks to something called a "GENI rack." [MORE >>](#)

Call for transit innovators

ProspectSV announced a call for Transit Innovation in partnership with Siemens and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA). It is the first of ProspectSV's outreach to find the next generation of solutions aimed at improving the performance of our cities' critical systems. The program aims to support companies working on innovative solutions that will improve the transit customer experience, assist customers with "first/last mile" connections and improve the overall operations of VTA. Proposals are due Tuesday, Feb. 24. [Click to learn more >>](#)

JESSE'S PICKS

A trio of intriguing resources

We're always adding more resources to our website and I wanted to highlight a few I thought might be of particular interest. One is a video about a [social media monitoring solution](#) that allows cities to listen more effectively to their citizens. Another is a case study about the difference a new [network from Allied Telesis](#) made for a school in the UK. And finally, in our Apps Gallery check out [ERCOT](#) from the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. The app aims to prevent brownouts and blackouts by providing residents with a real-time view of the electric use in the state.

SMART CITY EVENTS

2.24: 1st City Protocol Workshop 2015 -- Dubai

3.2: India Smart Grid Week -- Bangalore

4.16: TECHX15 -- London

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