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NEWS & TRENDS

IBM Smarter Cities Challenge returns: Could your city use a team of pro bono problem solvers? That's the idea behind IBM's grant program that has in the last four years helped 116 municipalities around the world solve critical local challenges. Don't miss this opportunity; learn how your city can apply to be one of this year's grant winners. [MORE >>](#)

Cashless transit reaches Athens: Athens commuters no longer need exact change or even cash to ride the bus. Learn how a partnership with MasterCard is giving them more options and making the transit system more efficient. Would a similar system boost transit ridership in your city? Click for details. [MORE >>](#)

Parking congestion? There's a drone for that: A university student who wants to use small-scale drones to help drivers find parking spots took top prize in Siemens' first Mobility IDEA Contest. Read about that and other innovative traffic solutions that wowed the judges. [MORE >>](#)

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New Alstom pact targets smart, energy efficient homes... Itron wins contract with Romania's largest water utility... Civic Resource Group named a top 20 most promising government tech provider... Silver Spring Networks wins IoT Excellence Award. [Get the details>>](#)

PILOTS & PROJECTS

Reducing ICT costs at city hall: Nagahama City, Japan, wanted to reduce ICT costs and simplify network operation and management at city hall. Read in this case study how utilizing the Allied Telesis Management Framework (AMF) has greatly reduced the city's network operation and management workload. [MORE >>](#)

Putting wastewater back to work: Drought and a dry climate have forced Australia to become creative in how it uses its water resources. A new advanced wastewater treatment facility designed by CH2M HILL is a good example. It takes treated effluent and, rather than discharging it to the nearest river or ocean, makes it suitable for industrial use. Get the details. [MORE >>](#)

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JESSE'S PICKS

New effort will help cities with cybersecurity (and many really need the help!)

A recent survey revealed only about a third of all cities have a robust, citywide cybersecurity policy. Another third admitted having no cybersecurity policies at all. That's a shocker in this digital day and age – and a new alliance between Microsoft and 100 Resilient Cities intends to help fix it.

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SMART CITY EVENTS

2.6: One Globe 2015 – New Delhi

2.9: ARPA-E Energy Innovation Summit – National Harbor, MD

2.18: Smart City Forum – Warsaw

4.16: TECHX15 – London

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