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NEWS & TRENDS

6 innovative public spaces: From Marina Bay in Singapore to Canal Park in Washington, D.C., the Urban Land Institute named six finalists in its global Urban Open Space Award program for 2015. Learn how the six projects have enriched and revitalized their surrounding communities. [MORE >>](#)

Smart lake improves water quality: A New York lake has the distinction of being the world's smartest. Between sensors and analytics, it's providing new insights into where pollution comes from and how to reduce it -- insights that could pay off worldwide. Click for details and a video. [MORE >>](#)

UK launches IoT big ideas competition: The UK government is looking for ideas on leveraging the Internet of Things to develop smart city apps that offer both citizen benefits and economic benefits for local authorities and businesses. Get details at the site. [MORE >>](#)

IoT Connected Home and Building Conference

The IoT Connected Home and Building Conference, August 17-20 in Las Vegas, will examine how the Internet of Things helps homeowners simplify household management and improve efficiency and security. Participants will also get a first-look at the next wave of connected devices, apps and home and building automation solutions. [Learn more and register now >>](#)

PILOTS & PROJECTS

Bechtel's \$10 billion engineering challenge: Maybe it just seems like Bechtel has an affinity for huge, challenging projects. It recently reached the halfway mark on London's daunting Crossrail underground rail system. Now it has embarked on a massive tunneling project beneath Saudi Arabia's capital city of Riyadh, which will lead to the country's first metro system. [MORE >>](#)

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Transforming healthcare, improving livability: Ooredoo has launched a cloud-based electronic medical records system which offers a variety of automated services for Qatar's healthcare providers. The company expects its new service will give medical professionals more time to spend with patients. Find out why. [MORE >>](#)

MARKETS & RESEARCH

Cut emissions with ICT: Cities are under tremendous growth pressure at the same time they're under pressure to cut carbon emissions. What if there was an easier way to address the latter? Well there is; the answer is information and communications technologies. Learn more about a new report shared by Microsoft that points the way. [MORE >>](#)

JESSE'S PICKS

China's smart city vision
I'm just back this week from a fascinating trip to China where Council Chief Scientist Stuart Cowan and I had the great pleasure to meet with a number of Chinese officials at the government's first Smart City International Expo in Beijing. If you're interested there's a [TV news report and photos](#) posted on our website.

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9.15: Smart Cities Week
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