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*Updates on smart city progress around the globe*

### NEWS & TRENDS

**Uncovering tax cheats:** With budgets tight and tax hikes difficult, public agencies are trying a new funding source: collecting on taxes they're already owed. One county recently uncovered nearly \$10 million in lost property taxes. Find out how technologies from IBM, Oracle and others help pinpoint tax fraud. [MORE >>](#)

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Join the city of Fort Collins, Colorado, T&D World Magazine and Council Associate Partner Elster Solutions on Thursday, Jan. 8, for a free webinar focused on what makes the city's advanced metering project so successful. Fort Collins Utilities' Kraig Bader and Elster's Ron Pate will discuss how AMI provides an ideal starting point for building a smarter, more energy-aware city. It starts at 2 p.m. ET. [Register now >>](#)

### PILOTS & PROJECTS

**Power to the people means savings:** Offices rank among the biggest power wasters. While it flies in the face of conventional thinking, learn why giving your city's office workers more control over the heat could lead to big savings (and set an example for others to follow). [MORE >>](#)

### PRODUCTS & SERVICES

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

2.17: GreenBiz 2015-- Phoenix

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