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Is it time to **think bigger than smart cities**? (Spoiler alert: yes!) You should see **who Boston's asking for new ideas** (you should too). Check out the lab that's working on **low-cost steps to ease poverty**. And get the inside scoop on what your peers are **buying and planning**.

Now you're caught up,
Jesse

Do we really want smart states instead? If sharing resources makes sense within a city, doesn't it make even more sense within a state? Learn about the Council's work to make Illinois the first smart state — and why it may be time to think bigger than smart cities.

Stuck in a rut? Why Boston is asking its people for new ideas. The city of Boston has undertaken a number of IoT-based smart city pilot projects, but hasn't always been impressed with the results of their investments. To ensure it doesn't happen again, the city is asking the public and professionals to weigh in and share their thoughts and expertise.

Stanford lab rallies brain power to find tech solutions to poverty and inequality. The new initiative brings together Silicon Valley tech leaders, experts in government and nonprofits and Stanford students and faculty to incubate low-cost, tech-based solutions to poverty and inequality. It's an intriguing approach; click for details.

Inside Look: What U.S. cities are planning, proposing and buying. See what your peer cities are up to. From solar power to parking meters, from gunshot detectors to cloud-based phone systems, here's what cities in the U.S. and Canada are doing.

IBM wants you to have a smarter car (one you can talk to). IBM and BMW will work together to build more intuitive driver support systems for passenger vehicles. The point? To make the cars of the future more convenient, comfortable, safe — and chatty. Read the story for details.

How to make smart meters smarter (and boost your ROI). It's not any one piece of technology that makes a city smart. What matters is how it all works together. Learn about the tool that lets you accomplish that—and why you should start with your smart meters.

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