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# Smart Cities Now

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## Why this terrible report on smart cities is still good news for America

A new report to President Obama places an urgent emphasis on smart cities. It even calls on the federal government to provide more help to cities. That's the good news. But learn how following it blindly could cause your city to fall well short of its potential.

## Is your city on the wrong side of the Great Divergence? (It's important)

Have you ever wondered why some cities seem to be able to draw all the talent they need to be successful while others just can't catch a break? To answer that question, we're sharing highlights from an article that explains why it happens and steps cities can take to avoid falling behind. Your city may be doing fine, but it could probably do better.

## Webinar: Better Financial Governance and Management

Join Meeting of the Minds, Wednesday, March 9, for Smart City Transformation Roadmaps: Delivering Better Financial Governance and Management. The live webinar offers advice and case studies to help cities secure adequate funding to implement their smart city transformation roadmaps. Webinar topics include the availability of investment-grade project opportunities and the importance of adequate financial control and governance processes. Register today.

## Why and how Illinois is racing to become a Smart State

You've heard of smart cities — now Illinois is well on its way to becoming a smart state. It's a revolutionary idea that not only will help the state function better — it could make it much easier for cities in the state to become smarter. Find out why.

## If your city's 9-1-1 network overwhelmed, help is on the way

9-1-1 agencies are expected to respond to all kinds of emergencies — and show up on the scene quickly and well-prepared. But today's emergency communications networks are limited in what they can do.

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That's why AT&T will roll out a next generation upgrade to make those communications systems faster and more flexible and responsive.

## UPCOMING SMART CITY EVENTS

**3.15: IEEE International Conference on Big Data and Smart City** - Muscat, Oman

**3.22: Big Data and Smart Cities World Show** - Singapore

**4.5: Intelligent Buildings, ICT, Transport and Mobility** - Sofia Bulgaria

**4.11: Arab Future Cities Summit** - Doha, Qatar

**4.22: India IoT Symposium** - Mumbai, India

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