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## How does your city stack up? 5 key questions to ask

What does it take to ensure the success of a smart cities initiative? Research from Smart & Resilient Cities finds that city leaders can't do it by themselves. Don't miss a new infographic that illustrates the top success factors that could help drive your next project — and the prime areas for improvement.

## Get people to work on time (why your traffic data is wrong)

The typically commuter wastes more than \$1,000 of time and gas sitting in traffic each year and your traffic lights and the analytics that power them are a big reason why. Learn about a new project from Verizon that will help make your lights smarter and help commuter see more green.

## Grid Modernization Forum 2016

The Grid Modernization Forum, Jan. 19-20 in Chicago, is designed to help energy professionals at municipal, co-op and investor-owned utilities modernize their grids with the next generation of smart grid technologies. Representatives from Council Partners S&C Electric Co., ABB and West Monroe Partners will speak, as will experts from the Department of Energy and other organizations. Register today.

## What Jerusalem can teach cities about partnering with startups

Taking on a startup as a vendor and partner may seem like risky business but Jerusalem's municipal water utility, Hagihon Company, seems to make a habit of it. The utility is working with several water technology startups as it looks for innovative solutions to aging infrastructure, leaking pipes and other headaches.

## Why Schneider Electric's local weather forecasts help farmers

There have been many, many technological advances in how our food is grown but one thing farmers still have to contend with is the weather. It doesn't always cooperate -- and it's not easy to predict. Read the story to learn how a new weather forecasting platform will provide more accurate weather forecasts for rural areas.

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## Teaching IT skills early

A British Columbia school district already known for its skilled trade education programs turned to the Microsoft IT Academy when officials decided to add leading-edge technology education to its selection of high school courses. The IT program offers training and certification in a variety of Microsoft skills and technologies, training considered essential for many trades and professions. Read the case study to learn more.

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- 2.9: IoT Data Analytics and Visualization** - Palo Alto, California
- 2.29: 2016 ARPA-E Energy Innovation Summit** - Washington, D.C.
- 3.15: IEEE International Conference on Big Data and Smart City** - Muscat, Oman
- 4.11: Arab Future Cities Summit** - Doha, Qatar

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