

2nd Annual Smart Cities International Symposium and Exhibition Coming to Chicago

The two-day Symposium brings focuses on in-depth networking and information sharing among key players at the cutting edge of Smart City innovation.

The **2nd Annual Smart Cities International Symposium & Exhibition**, January 17-18, 2018 in Chicago brings together thought leaders and practitioners from around the world to explore the most recent technology advances, business models, and lessons learned to date in making the Smart City a reality.

Expert speakers will examine the experiences of municipal governments who are pushing the envelope and moving toward actual implementation of the Smart City vision. The emphasis is on implementation strategy, case studies, best practices and the development of compelling business models for transitioning to the 21st Century Smart City.

Topics to be addressed in January include:

- Defining and Refining the Smart City Vision
- Financing and Business Models: Moving Forward Today On Critical Initiatives
- Key Lessons Learned: Viewpoints from Leading Smart City Mayors
- The MaaS Effect on the Business of Transport
- Smart Buildings for Smarter Workers and Workplaces
- Turning Big Data Into Local Insights For Smart Cities
- Supporting Climate Action and Sustainability Goals
- Effective Strategies for Becoming a Connected Smart City
- Smart Transportation and Electric Vehicles Progress
- To Open Smart City Data Or Not?
- New Challenges and Solutions for Cyber and Physical Security
- And much more

Confirmed speakers include:

- Danielle DuMerer, CIO & Commissioner, Department of Innovation & Technology, City of Chicago
- Tom Dallessio, President, CEO & Publisher, Next City
- Bob Bennett, Chief Innovation Officer, City of Kansas City
- Cody Hooven, Chief Sustainability Officer, City of San Diego
- Charles Ramdatt, Director of Smart Cities and Special Projects, City of Orlando
- Lisa Brown, Senior National Director, Local Government and Municipal Infrastructure, Johnson Controls
- Dan Littmann, Principal, Technology, Media & Telecommunications, Deloitte
- Adam Hecktman, Director, Technology & Civic Innovation Chicago, Microsoft
- Monali Shah, Director of Intelligent Transportation, HERE Technologies
- David Bressler, Vice President, IoT Business, CA Technologies
- David Portnoy, Founder, Demand-Driven Open Data
- Paul Baker, Chief Executive Officer, Webitects

- Mike Nawrocki, Vice President, Technology and Solutions, ATIS
- Dr. Brandon Tinianov, Advisory Council, Vice-Chair, U.S. Green Building Council
- Jack Fritz, Future of Connectivity US Leader. Deloitte
- Andy Taylor, Strategy Director, Cubic Transportation
- Daniel Woods, Governmental Affairs Analyst, ComEd
- David Leopold, Director, Program Management, City Digital, UI Labs
- Jason Hare, Open Data Evangelist, OpenDataSoft

Organizations who participated in the 2017 edition include: Ascend Indiana, BioCrossroads, Black & Veatch, Bloomberg BNA, Bosch Software Innovations, British Consulate-General, Bronzeville Microgrid, BuildingIQ, CCJM Engineers, Ltd., Center for Technology in Government, University at Albany, Chicago Now, Chicago Transit Authority, CIDETEC-IPN, Cisco Systems, City Digital (UIL), City of Indianapolis, City of Kalamazoo, City of Kansas City, City of Milwaukee, City of Minneapolis, City of San Jose, City of Syracuse, City of Tucson, Cityzenith, ComEd, CompTIA, Copenhagen Capacity, Cornell University, Cubic Transportation Systems, Cushman & Wakefield, Deloitte, Drawbridge Solutions, Duncan, Weinberg, Genzer & Pembroke, P.C., EastBanc Technologies, The Japan Research Institute Ltd., Elevate Energy, Fujitsu, GPD Group, GreenPreneu, Grumman/Butkus Associates, HERE, HomeGrid Forum, IGS Energy, Illinois Institute of Technology, Illinois Science and Technology Coalition, Illinois.gov, Indy Chamber, Infobright, InformationWeek, INRIX, Institute for Market Transformation (IMT), IPgallery, ISEIF, Itron, Indiana University / Purdue University Indiana, Johnson Controls, Kollabio, McWane Ductile, Meeting of the Minds, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, Microsoft, Mosaico Digitale U.S.A., Navigant, Nissan North America, Inc, Open Geospatial Consortium, Persistent Systems, POLCO, PowerSecure, University of Kansas, Scottish Development International, Silver Spring Networks, SJR Partners, Smart Grid Cluster, Smart Grid Consumers Collaborative, Smart Utility Systems, Society of Environmental Journalists, SPIDR Tech, The University of Chicago, Tucson Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Commerce/U.S. Commercial Service, UI Labs, University of Illinois at Chicago, University of Minnesota | Regional Competitiveness Institute, Uptake, USGBC-Illinois, Vectren Corporation, Verizon Wireless, West Monroe Partners, Willdan/IIT, Zytronic, and others.

“The Symposium is a unique opportunity for thought leaders at the edge of Smart City innovation to network in a focused environment with fellow senior executives,” says Daniel Coran, editor of the Smart Grid Observer and program manager for the 2018 event. “The information-sharing and cross-silo interaction is of critical value for municipalities undertaking the Smart City transition.”

"Lots of good and relevant information - very informative!" says Kevin Clements, Project Manager at GDP Group, of the 2017 edition. "I liked hearing from cities about how they are attacking the smart city initiative and seeing the different approaches. Also, very impressive and diverse crowd and panels."

"Very high quality speakers, well designed and organized, and very professional attendees," said Jenn Toothaker, Project Manager in the Tucson Department of Transportation, who also

attended in 2017. " The dialog has been amazing. An impactful, meaningful use of my time to attend."

The Symposium is organized by the Smart Grid Observer, an online information portal and weekly e-newsletter serving the global smart grid and clean tech industries. For more information and to sign up for a free subscription, visit www.smartgridobserver.com

"The Symposium provided great discussion of what 'smart city' means today, with important practitioner insight bringing recent advances to life." Says Matt Schmitt, Senior Research Fellow & Director, Regional Competitiveness Institute, University of Minnesota. "This was a great event!"

For full information and to register for the Symposium, visit www.smartcities-symposium.com