

Riverside chosen as one of world's most tech-savvy cities



For the third year in a row, the City of Riverside has been chosen for a Smart21 Communities Award, which recognizes the top 21 tech-savvy cities worldwide.

Riverside was one of only six U.S. cities to receive the recognition. Among other cities worldwide to share the award this year are: Chongqing, China; Eindhoven, Netherlands; Ipswich, Australia; Issy-les-Moulineaux, France; Quebec City, Canada; and Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The Smart21 designation, awarded by the Intelligent Community Forum, recognizes Riverside for its commitment to broadband, citywide innovation and its knowledge-economy. It was specifically recognized for leadership in municipal WiFi, its expansive Digital Inclusion Program, the City's SmartRiverside technology initiatives, e-waste processing, and its collaboration with universities and private technology chief executive officers.

SmartRiverside, headed by city officials and private high tech firms in Riverside, is dedicated to attracting and retaining high tech businesses for the City as well as educating residents of Riverside about the advantages of technology. For more information, visit www.smartriverside.org.

"The Smart21 designation is a significant honor recognizing that Riverside is a world leader in innovation and municipal technologies," said Mayor Ron Loveridge, the chair of the SmartRiverside board of directors. "That Riverside has been recognized three years running illustrates our commitment to ongoing innovation in technology."

From the Smart21, the ICF chooses its Top Seven Intelligent Communities of the Year, which will be announced January 19, 2011.

