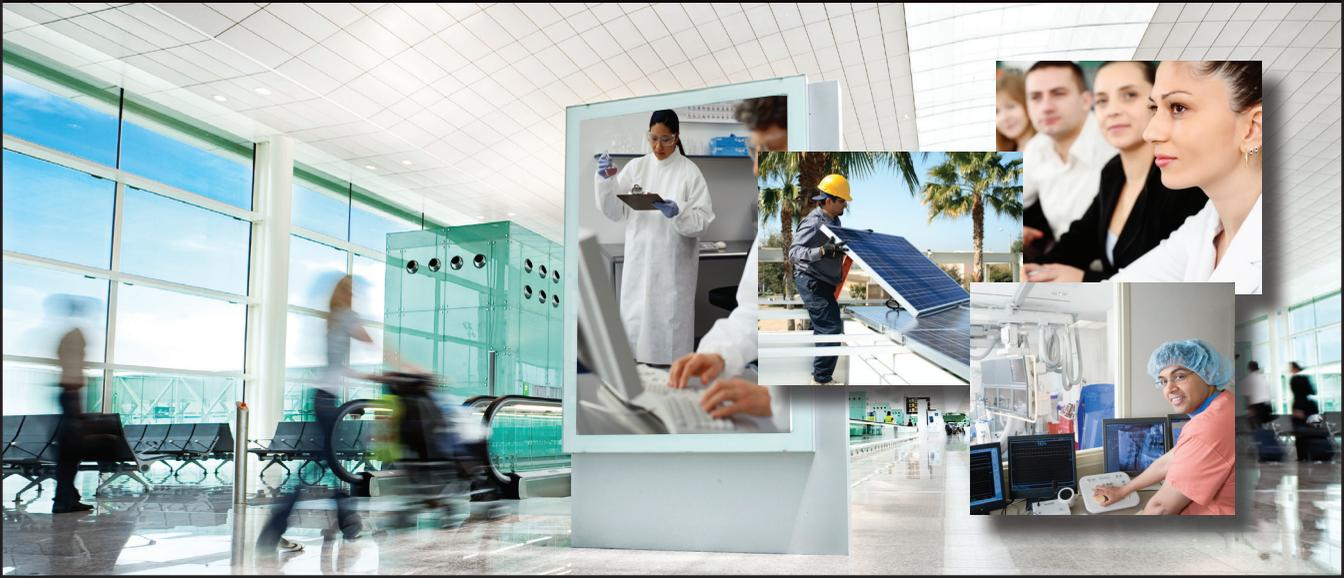


Riverside named to Top 7 Intelligent Communities



Intelligent Communities has announced that Riverside was named to the Top 7 Intelligent Communities of the Year. Riverside is one of only three U.S. cities identified as global leaders in innovation and municipal technologies.

Riverside had recently been chosen for a Smart21 Communities Award, which recognizes the top 21 tech-savvy cities worldwide, and with this announcement, Riverside advanced to one of the Top 7.

The award 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. "The Top 7 of 2011 have demonstrated perseverance and an innovative dedication to the future of their communities," said Intelligent Communities Foundation Co-founder Louis Zacharilla.

SmartRiverside, a non-profit headed by city officials and private high-tech firms (www.smartriverside.org), is dedicated to attracting and retaining high-tech businesses, creating a tech friendly environment, and ensuring Riverside residents are technologically equipped to compete in school and the workforce.

"The Top 7 designation is an incredible 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 competes, and wins, among cities across the globe illustrates our commitment to municipal innovation in technology."

The Top Seven Intelligent Communities of the Year

The following communities were named to the Top Seven based on analysis of their nominations by a team of independent academic experts:

- Riverside, California USA
- Chattanooga, Tennessee, USA.
- Dublin, Ohio, USA.
- Eindhoven, Netherlands.
- Issy-les-Moulineaux, France.
- Stratford, Ontario, Canada
- Windsor-Essex, Ontario, Canada

