



## Call for Innovators – FALL 2021\*

Smart City Works Venture Labs is Open for Applications for the Fall 2021 Cohort

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**We are now accepting applications for our Fall 2021.  
The Spring cohort begins in October 2021.**

*\*This program will be mainly virtual. (Depending on COVID).  
Coursework, mentoring, meetings and events will be held principally online.*

Smart City Works, a next generation business accelerator focused on solving urban challenges through infrastructure and IoT innovation, seeks entrepreneurs, startups, and companies focused on improving the livability, sustainability, operations, and resilience of cities to apply for the Fall 2021 cohort. The program is open to all companies globally whose visionary founders are willing to bring their products and passions to participate in a unique and impactful business acceleration program.

For our Fall 2021 cohort, we are looking for innovative commercial solutions that address significant and *timely* social and civic challenges in cities and urban environments—infrastructure cost and performance,



cybersecurity, transportation, affordable housing, environmental sustainability, energy, decarbonization, and resilience, but also solutions that support COVID-19 recovery. These solutions must impact and improve one or more of the ways cities support daily life to include, for example, public health, social distancing, teleworking, energy storage and use, carbon capture and storage, food supply or disposition, waste reduction, and IoT device and data security. In particular, special consideration is given to companies focused on the following areas:

- ✓ **Sustainable Infrastructure/ Green Transport** - Solutions that reduce transportation costs, reduce congestion, improve safety and inter-modalities (i.e., between car, train, bus, bike, pedestrian), support 'last-mile' transport, or leverage autonomous (e.g., drone or AV) / intelligent transportation solutions and electric vehicle charging infrastructure. **\*\*Special focus on support to EVS or Drone Delivery; Drone Public Safety; and Counter-Drone.**
- ✓ **Resilience, Public Health and Public Safety** – Solutions and/or IoT technologies that address the safety, security and resilience of urban dwellers; that mitigate the impact of pandemics, rising sea levels, extreme weather events, or other natural or man-made shocks; or that protect critical infrastructure. **\*\*Special focus on Covid-related Building and Transit health safety.**
- ✓ **Cybersecurity/ Use of Urban Data and IoT Technologies** - Solutions that can safeguard data sets and IoT communications at scale, to include technologies that utilize AI solutions to improve the value, use, and trust of data sets; or that leverage IoT technologies and devices to improve social trust, government and business processes, supply chain security, and/ or urban life. **\*\*Special focus on support to Building Trust/ Reducing Mis-information.**
- ✓ **Energy/ Carbon Reduction** – Solutions that increase the use and availability of renewables, foster greater energy storage capacity, convert waste to energy, reduce energy use or improve efficiency; reduce reliance on fossil fuels; cut pollutants like methane and soot; expand carbon sinks; or spur decarbonization. **\*\*Special focus on Carbon Capture and Use; Smart Agriculture; and Battery/ Energy Storage.**

## Important Dates and Information

**Application Deadline:** This is a rolling admission process; applications will be processed as received. Applications open July 20, 2021. We will begin selecting companies on August 6, 2021 until the cohort is full. Selections are on a first come, first serve basis. Minority and women-owned businesses are encouraged to apply.

**Cohort Start Date:** **October 4, 2021**

**Where to Apply:** [<https://www.f6s.com/smartcityworks/apply>]

**For more information, email us:** [innovate@smartcityworks.io](mailto:innovate@smartcityworks.io)

### ABOUT SMART CITY WORKS™



SMART CITY WORKS VENTURE LABS is an award-winning new class of business accelerator, called a **BUSINESS ACTUATOR**, that can more rapidly move early stage ventures to commercialization, reduce risk for downstream investors, and improve likelihood of product uptake in the marketplace. Our mission is to accelerate innovation and speed commercialization of solutions that improve the livability, operations, and resilience of cities. We are uniquely focused on urban infrastructure, the built environment, and on changing the way we design, build, and operate civil infrastructure.

Our Spring and Fall sessions are designed to propel graduating companies into the marketplace, endowed with proven products, and equipped with the skills to grow and compete for funding and market share.