



## Call for Innovators – Spring 2023\*

Smart City Works Venture Labs is Open for Applications for the Spring 2023 Cohort

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**We are now accepting applications for our Spring 2023 Cohort.  
The Spring cohort begins in April 2023.**

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*\*This program will be hybrid.  
Coursework, mentoring, meetings and events will be held both in-person and online.*

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Smart City Works is a next generation cohort-based business accelerator for early-stage founder teams focused on solving urban challenges through infrastructure, SAAS systems, and IoT innovation. We are looking for start-ups with solutions that address significant gaps on timely social and civic challenges in cities.

For our Spring 2023 cohort, solutions must impact and improve one or more of the ways cities support daily life in areas to include, for example, working remotely, energy storage and use, carbon capture and storage, food supply or disposition, waste reduction, autonomous transport, public safety, IoT device and data



security, and supply-chain integrity, among others. 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 pandemic-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 solutions that help Build Trust/ Reduce 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 Concrete and Pavement Materials that reflect heat as opposed to absorb it, decreasing the urban heat island effect; and Battery/ Energy Storage.](#)**

## Important Dates and Information

**Application Deadline:** This is a rolling admission process; applications will be processed as received. Applications open January 25, 2023. We will begin selecting companies on March 10, 2023 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:** **April 24, 2023**

**Where to Apply:** [ON F6S: <https://www.f6s.com/smartcityworks/apply> or ON GUST: <https://bit.ly/3S1cl0R>]

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

### ABOUT SMART CITY WORKS™



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SMART CITY WORKS VENTURE LABS is an award-winning new class of business accelerator, called a **BUSINESS ACTUATOR**, designed to accelerate innovation and speed commercialization of high growth technology firms focused on improving the livability, sustainability, and resilience of cities. We have a proven track record –87% graduates growing in the marketplace after 5 years, with an average of ~\$2M per company post-graduation investment.

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.

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