

Partnership for Inclusive Innovation

Innovation, Opportunity and Shared Economic Success



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Resilient Energy Infrastructure: Lessons from Texas

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In mid-February, winter storm Uri swept through the state of Texas, leaving millions of civilians without water and electricity for days. With [Strategic Energy Institute](#) and the [School of Civil and Environmental Engineering](#), our webinar series [#SMARTer Together](#) hosted a special edition to discuss what exactly went wrong in Texas and how we can move forward by focusing on **Resilient Energy Infrastructure**.

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National League of Cities (NLC) Spotlights Eric Parker and the Clubhou.se

The NLC recently featured Augusta native Eric Parker and [the Clubhou.se](#) business incubator, the most recent recipient of our \$250,000 grant. Through this funding, he and his colleagues aspire to leverage the success of the Augusta program in four other small- and mid-sized Georgia cities in 2021 via an effort known as [Make Startups](#). The Clubhou.se Mesh Network will aim its resources at growing social innovation and access to capital among rural, minority and underrepresented Georgians. The network plans to provide training and certification to 250 entrepreneurs (50 in each selected community), an investment expected to generate 500 to 800 new jobs statewide.

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Join us in April for the continuation of our [#SMARTer Together](#) Webinar Series.

Upcoming topics include:

April 8: The Next Stage of Autonomous Vehicles

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The deadline to apply to be a part of the Clubhou.se's five-city mesh network is March 31! [Apply today](#) to help expand entrepreneurship training, access to startup capital and financial support for Entrepreneur Support Organizations in Georgia in your community.

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In the News:

Smart Cities Connect: [Ready for the Smart\(er\) City: How Community Improvement Districts \(CIDs\) are Building the Future](#)

S&P Global Market Intelligence: [The Mess with Texas](#)

Saporta Report: [Making COVID-19 Messaging Available for People with Disabilities](#)

11 Alive: [Georgia Tech Awards Dr. Anthony Fauci the 2021 Ivan Allen Jr. Prize for Social Courage \(Video\)](#)

Upcoming Events:

Spring 2021 - Convergence Innovation Competition (Applications due 4/11)

4/13-14 - Smart Cities Connect Virtual Conference & Expo

6/16-17 - CoMotion Miami

6/20-24 - World Cities Summit 2021

11/16-18 - Smart City Expo World Congress

11/16-18 - CoMotion L.A.

The [Partnership for Inclusive Innovation](#) is a public-private partnership comprised of the state of Georgia, private entities, and the Georgia Institute of Technology. Launched in 2020 to lead coordinated, statewide efforts to position Georgia as the technology capital of the East Coast, and under the leadership of Lt. Gov. Geoff Duncan, board chairman Dr. G.P. Bud Peterson, and Executive Director Debra Lam, the organization guides efforts and pilot programs to help foster access, growth, entrepreneurship and inclusive innovation statewide. The Partnership's ultimate goal is to achieve inclusive innovation throughout Georgia. The organization aspires to define Georgia's entrepreneurial identity as a national leader in technology research, development, and implementation.

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