



# THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE

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### City of Jacksonville

#### City of Jacksonville Named Finalist in IDC Government Insights' Fourth Annual Smart Cities North America Awards; Public Voting Opens June 28th

City of Jacksonville recognized for success in leveraging emerging technology and innovation to support Smart City initiatives

**June 28, 2021** – City of Jacksonville today announced it has been named a finalist in [IDC Government Insights'](#) fourth annual [Smart Cities North America Awards](#) (SCNAA). The awards were designed to recognize the progress North American municipalities have made in executing Smart Cities projects, as well as providing a forum for sharing best practices to help accelerate Smart City development in the region. City of Jacksonville was recognized for the Smart Water, AMI Project in Sustainable Infrastructure.

As a next step in the nomination process, IDC invites the public to vote on the named finalists at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCNAA\\_2021](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCNAA_2021). Voting will be open through 5:00pm EDT on Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Winners will be honored at [Smart Cities Connect](#) being held October 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> at the Gaylord National Hotel & Convention Center in National Harbor, MD. To learn more about the event, please visit <https://fall.smartcitiesconnect.org>.

Finalists in the SCNAA illustrate best practice examples of how forward-thinking municipalities are effectively leveraging technology and innovation to offer new services and economic opportunities and to meet the needs and expectations of citizens and residents. The City of Jacksonville AMI Water Project saved the city millions of gallons of water and money during the February 2021 Snow Storm.

“We are overwhelmed by the innovative and thoughtful initiatives competing in this year’s Smart Cities North America Awards, executed despite the challenges posed by a global pandemic,” said Ruthbea Yesner, Vice President, IDC Government Insights and Smart Cities and Communities Strategies. “Each finalist represents a best practice example of how - when innovative technology is paired with a forward thinking and dedicated team - radical change can happen for the betterment of our residents.”

For additional information about these awards or to speak with Ruthbea Yesner, please contact Sarah Murray at 781-378-2674 or [sarah@attunecomunications.com](mailto:sarah@attunecomunications.com) or Jacksonville City Manager, Greg Smith at 903-339-3300 or [greg.smith@jacksonvilletx.org](mailto:greg.smith@jacksonvilletx.org).

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