MetroLab Network Announces 13 New City-University Partnerships

15 cities and 17 universities will join the Network, committed to solving urban challenges with new technology and policy approaches

Washington, DC — May 3, 2016 — MetroLab Network is pleased to announce that 13 new city-university partnerships have joined its network, which now includes 35 city-university partnerships across the country focused on incorporating data, analytics, and innovation into local government programs. Members of the network will research, develop, and deploy technologies and policy approaches to address challenges facing the nation’s urban areas.

MetroLab Network was launched by 21 founding city-university pairings in September 2015 at the White House as part of the Obama Administration’s Smart Cities Initiative.

MetroLab Network’s city-university partnerships are relationships in which the university serves as a research and development arm, and the city serves as a test-bed for technologies and policies. Faculty members and students gain access to real-world laboratories to develop and test tools and programs that utilize information technology, data analytics, sensing, and more. Cities benefit from their technical expertise, leading to solutions that reduce the cost of infrastructure and services, make cities more sustainable and resilient, and improve citizens’ quality of life. The current members of MetroLab Network are working on more than 100 “research, development, and deployment” projects with broad impact on areas such as improving transportation and water systems, reducing the energy footprint in cities, advancing health and public safety goals, and many more.

MetroLab Network connects these city-university partnerships via a national, collaborative platform that will facilitate the sharing of information and the scaling of technology and
solutions across the country. Through collaboration, its members will address a broad set of challenges facing cities and metropolitan regions.

“We are thrilled to welcome a terrific set of cities and universities to our network,” said Ben Levine, Interim Director of MetroLab Network. “The technologies and policies that they are developing will change the way cities address infrastructure needs, deploy public services, and achieve environmental goals. We look forward to them contributing to and learning from our extensive national network of cities and universities, driving progress in urban areas across the country.”

From May 9-11, representatives from its member cities and universities will be participating in MetroLab Network’s Spring Summit, hosted by the City of San Diego and the University of California, San Diego with support from Clean Tech San Diego.

MetroLab Network is supported by a $1 million grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation as a research enterprise that uses data and information technologies to better understand how cities work and to improve the urban condition. Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania is the fiduciary of MetroLab Network during its incubation period.

“The addition of these leading cities and universities will strengthen MetroLab Network,” said Pittsburgh Mayor William Peduto, an early backer of the Network. “Pittsburgh has been well served by its partnership with Carnegie Mellon University, and we are excited to learn from and contribute to so many like-minded city-university partnerships.”

**New Members:**
Arlington County – Virginia Tech-National Capital Region
City of Austin – University of Texas at Austin
City of Baltimore – John Hopkins University, University of Baltimore
City of Boulder, City of Denver – University of Colorado-Boulder
City of Burlington – University of Vermont
City of Charlotte – University of North Carolina at Charlotte
City of Columbus – Ohio State University
City of Jacksonville – University of Florida, University of North Florida
City of Kansas City, MO, City of Kansas City, KS – University of Missouri-Kansas City, University of Kansas
City of Newark – New Jersey Institute of Technology
City of Orlando – University of Central Florida
City of Santa Fe – Santa Fe Institute
City of Schenectady – University at Albany, SUNY
Columbia University (Joining existing City of New York – New York University partnership)

**Founding Members:**
City of Atlanta – Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia State University
City of Boston – Boston Area Research Initiative
City of Chicago – The University of Chicago
Cuyahoga County, OH – Case Western Reserve University
City of Dallas – Texas Research Alliance
City of Detroit – Wayne State University
City of Houston – Rice University
City of Madison – University of Wisconsin-Madison
City of Memphis – University of Memphis
City of Minneapolis, City of Saint Paul – University of Minnesota
Montgomery County, MD – University of Maryland, Universities at Shady Grove
City of New York – New York University
City of Philadelphia – Drexel University, University of Pennsylvania
City of Pittsburgh – Carnegie Mellon University
City of Portland – Portland State University
City of Providence – Brown University, College Unbound, Rhode Island School of Design
City of San Diego – University of California San Diego
City of San Jose – San Jose State University
City of Seattle – University of Washington
City of South Bend – University of Notre Dame
District of Columbia – Georgetown University, George Washington University, Howard University

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