

THE CITY OF NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE MAYOR NEW YORK, NY 10007

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Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to welcome everyone to New York City's Brooklyn Navy Yard for Smart Cities NYC 2017.

New York is proud to be an international capital of innovation and progress, and my administration is committed to strengthening our city and ensuring that the five boroughs remain at the forefront of advancements in sustainability, resiliency, and technology. With a mission to build a global network of urban centers that are equipped to meet the challenges of the future, the Global Smart City and Community Coalition is fostering dialogue and collaboration to improve the quality of life for people living in cities around the world. Through panel discussions, events for the public, and an exhibition that will bring together leading experts in urban planning and design, Smart Cities NYC 2017 will highlight some of the ways the five boroughs and other leading cities are championing solutions to pave the way to a brighter tomorrow. I applaud all those in attendance for working to improve our global communities for the next generation.

On behalf of the City of New York, I offer my best wishes for a wonderful and informative event.

Sincerely,

Bill de Blasio

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