



## U.S.-ASEAN SMART CITIES PARTNERSHIP

The U.S.-ASEAN Smart Cities Partnership (USASCP) seeks to harness the expertise of the U.S. public and private sectors to collaborate with member cities in the ASEAN Smart Cities Network (ASCN) to meet the varied challenges of rapid urbanization and help improve the lives of people of the region. With an initial investment of \$10 million, the Partnership intends to develop activities and programs to:

- 1) Promote U.S. private sector engagement in smart city solutions and the digital economy in ASCN cities;
- 2) Share best practices and promote collaboration between innovative programs in U.S. cities with their counterparts in the ASCN; and
- 3) Strengthen regional cybersecurity capability and capacity at the sub-national level.

This is a whole of government effort that includes participation from the Department of State, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Transportation, USAID, the U.S. Trade and Development Agency, and the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

**Promote U.S. private sector involvement in smart city solutions:** ASCN officials are invited to the inaugural USASCP event from July 9-17 in Washington, D.C. The event includes a symposium to discuss U.S. smart cities concepts and best practices, meet with U.S. industry, and case studies. ASCN officials are also invited to participate in the NIST Global Smart and Secure Cities and Communities Challenge (SC3) Expo to learn about real-world challenges and companies that offer smart city and internet of things (IoT) technologies. ASCN officials will also visit another U.S. city to learn how they procured and implemented such technologies.

**Share best practices and promote collaboration:** Together with individual cities, we seek to create sister-city collaborations to assist with planning, facilitating obtaining private sector financing, monitoring, and evaluation of smart city solutions. We seek to promote greater collaboration through people to people exchanges and capacity building workshops and conferences.

**Strengthen regional cybersecurity capability at the subnational level:** The USASCP seeks to provide training for municipal city officials through regional training programs in Singapore. The USASCP will explore new partnerships with ASEAN Centers of Excellence in Singapore and Bangkok. In addition, the existing U.S.-Singapore Third Country Training Program (TCTP) on cybersecurity or digital economy could be expanded to include topics on cybersecurity in the context of ASCN. The training would allow smart city officers to reinforce connections with their counterparts, building networks across national boundaries.

The United States is also supporting the ASCN through the ASEAN-USAID Inclusive Growth in ASEAN through Innovation, Trade, and E-Commerce (ASEAN-USAID IGNITE) Project. ASEAN-USAID IGNITE is supporting the ASEAN Secretariat in finalizing a monitoring and evaluation program for the ASCN and developing a publicly accessible repository of trusted smart city resources and technical assistance providers.