

# Intelligent Community Forum

Dear Mayor Pachal:

03/08/25

On behalf of the ICF Co-Founders, our ICF Institutes, our ICF National organizations, and our members worldwide, congratulations for being named one of the Smart21 Communities of 2025! If you have not yet seen it, you can read the press release and see the announcement here: [https://www.intelligentcommunity.org/icf\\_names\\_the\\_smart21\\_communities\\_of\\_2025](https://www.intelligentcommunity.org/icf_names_the_smart21_communities_of_2025)

It is now time to look forward to the next phase of the Awards Program – finding out if your community will be named among the Top7 Intelligent Communities of the Year. In the coming days, you will be receiving a **Community Narratives Questionnaire** that begins this next step of the evaluation process for Langley City. The questionnaire will be due to ICF by 17:00 Eastern Standard Time on **Friday, May 9, 2025**.

Our independent Analysts team will review your Smart21 responses and this questionnaire to evaluate your community. From this evaluation, ICF will name Top7 Intelligent Communities on 18 June at a conference in Las Rozas de Madrid, Spain. [More information on this conference can be found by clicking here](#). Registration is now open, and I hope your community will send a delegation to join us.

Please note: Submission of a Top7 questionnaire commits your community – if it is named to the Top7 of 2025 – to host a site inspection, either virtual or in-person, by an ICF Auditor between August 1, and September 15, 2025, and to send at least one representative to Binh Duong, Vietnam for the 2025 ICF Global Summit in late October. The exact dates of the Summit will be announced shortly. If you are unable to commit to these steps this year, we ask that you do not pursue this Top7 designation.

If you have any questions about what information to include in the questionnaire, ICF would be pleased to answer this by telephone, email, or online. Many of our communities have found this to be helpful in preparing their questionnaires. These inquiries can be directed to my fellow co-founder, Robert Bell at [rbell@intelligentcommunity.org](mailto:rbell@intelligentcommunity.org) or to ICF's Executive Director Matthew Owen at [mowen@intelligentcommunity.org](mailto:mowen@intelligentcommunity.org)

Congratulations on your selection and the success you have achieved during this period of unprecedented challenge. Good luck on the rest of the way through our international awards program. We look forward to working with you more in the coming months.

**John G. Jung, Chairman and Co-Founder**

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***Congratulations to Curitiba, Parana, Brazil– the 2024 Intelligent Community of the Year***