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**MINER ADMINISTRATION RECOGNIZED FOR WORK IN  
GOVERNING MAGAZINE “EQUIPT TO INNOVATE” SERIES**

*Governing Partnership with Living Cities Highlights Innovators in Local, State  
Government*

*Miner: This Administration Works Tirelessly to Find Creative Ways to Identify  
Efficiencies, Improve Processes, and Stretch Dollars Further*

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Mayor Stephanie A. Miner today announced that the innovative efforts of her administration have been profiled by *Governing Magazine’s* online series in partnership with Living Cities, “Equipt to Innovate.” The series highlights leaders in local government innovation and profiles the work of the Office of Innovation and its leader, city policy director Andrew M. Maxwell.

“I am gratified we received this recognition for our efforts to innovate local government,” said **Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner**. “Our administration works tirelessly to find creative new ways to identify efficiencies, improve our processes, and stretch our dollars further. I appreciate the work of Andrew Maxwell, the Office of Innovation, and the many unsung heroes across city departments who have worked with data in new ways and undertaken projects that improve the delivery of services to the people of Syracuse.”

The “Equipt to Innovate” series includes the Chief Innovation Officer for the New York City Comptroller and the Chief Innovation and Performance Officer for the City of Pittsburgh. In addition to profiling individuals, the series looks at what makes governments more responsive and highlights new uses for data and information science. This article highlights Andrew M. Maxwell in his role as Director of Policy and Innovation for the City of Syracuse, and the work accomplished by his staff in the Office of Innovation on infrastructure and economic opportunity.

“I’m pleased our work is featured in this prominent forum. It is important recognition before our peers in government and civic innovation. Syracuse is setting the standard nationwide for using data and being open to new ideas,” said **Andrew M. Maxwell**. “I thank Mayor Miner and the entire administration for their support in these efforts.”



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“Syracuse is a twenty-first century city on the move,” added **Mayor Miner**. “We have implemented data science into the decision-making process for many city departments. These analytics drive our decisions now more than ever – work that is on the cutting edge of government.”

The City of Syracuse has made strategic investments in innovation and worked with private sector and philanthropic partners to accomplish many new goals. The city received a grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies to fund the Office of Innovation, which has developed new solutions to the challenges faced by Syracuse’s aging infrastructure. One example is the Department of Public Works where a new technology employing sensors is used to help detect water main breaks and collect data on road quality. The city has also worked to improve coordination between departments on infrastructure projects and to improve public information.

The full article can be viewed here: <http://bit.ly/2nISlR>

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