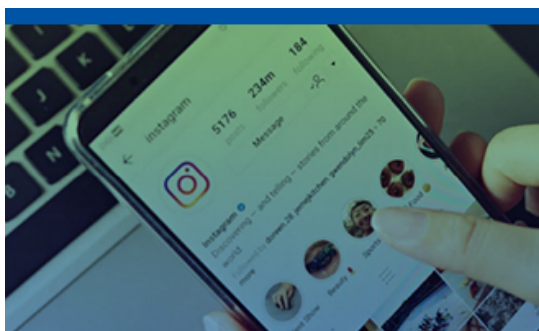




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We are hiring! 🔍 Find details on our [careers page!](#)
Accounting Tech 2 & Project Manager (👉 Closing: 6/12/2022)
Firewall Admin (👉 Closing: 6/19/2022)
Account Consultant (👉 Closing: 6/23/2022)



Amber Alerts Will Now Display on Instagram Feeds

The alerts, which notify the public about kidnapped children and are primarily sent as notifications on mobile phones, will now also appear on people's Instagram feeds as part of a nationwide rollout.

Source: Government Technology

AMBER ALERTS

Iowa Focus

[Program available to help eligible Iowans afford reliable, high-speed internet](#)

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) replaces the temporary Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) program, implemented last year as part of COVID-19 relief.

Source: Iowa's News Now

Sector Focus

Government

[Outsmarting Disaster: AI Predicts Earthquakes, Fires, Floods](#)

As natural disasters grow more severe across the country, local governments are increasingly using predictive analytics to understand where and when an emergency will impact their communities.

Source: Government Technology

Healthcare

[Is telemedicine an answer to physician burnout and staffing shortages?](#)

A physician who works full time via telehealth – and in brick-and-mortar ERs on the side – discusses the benefits to herself and the industry.

Source: Healthcare IT News

[UnitedHealthcare rolls out new virtual physical therapy program](#)

Members who are recovering from surgery or an injury will be asked to complete an assessment of current issues and will be referred to the program based on that assessment.

Source: Fierce Healthcare

Education

[Education Executives Tout Artificial Intelligence Benefits for Classroom Learning](#)

Artificial intelligence can help fill in gaps when teacher resources are limited.

Source: Broadband Census

[Virtual Field Trips to Try with Your Students](#)

Field trips are always a favorite of kids of all ages, but if you can't physically leave, check out these virtual field trips to try with your students.

Source: TeachHub

Public Safety

[NIST launches new \\$1 million public safety challenge](#)

The focus is on development of incident command dashboards that will "allow for real-time tracking of assets, personnel, and objects of interest during emergency crisis scenarios."

Source: RCR Wireless News

[Next Generation 911 Markets: The Future of Public Safety Forecast to 2026](#)

This study outlines the NG911 vision and its progress; analyzes key industry trends and market dynamics; identifies key market participants in the NG911 ecosystem and maps out where they reside on the NG911 value chain; and more.

Source: Business Wire

Cybersecurity

[Cybersecurity, physical security checklist for employee offboarding](#)

The key lies in developing and executing an optimal combination of cybersecurity and physical security best practices. Here are four steps to get you started.

Source: Security Magazine

[What Comes from Requiring Local Gov to Report Cyber Incidents?](#)

North Dakota and Indiana passed laws last year requiring local governments to report cyber incidents to the state. The states say this helps them direct cybersecurity resources to localities in need and better understand the threats.

Source: Government Technology

[New Cyber Challenges and Tools With Google's Chris Hein](#)

The public sector is facing changing cyber threats — not just because of remote work, but from increasing ransomware hacks and nation-state attacks as well. But there are also new tools ready to meet those challenges.

Source: Government Technology

Digital Divide

[Public policy students at UCLA take on a health care digital divide](#)

For master's candidates, capstone projects have provided vital training in helping others

Source: UCLA

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