

Junar Named a "Cool Vendor" in Government by Gartner

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Junar, a leading provider of open data solutions, announced today that it has been selected by Gartner, Inc., the world's leading information technology research and advisory company, as a "Cool Vendor in Government, 2014."

"We believe Junar's inclusion in the [Cool Vendor report](#) by Gartner validates our vision of making open data simple and affordable for government organizations looking to increase transparency and citizen engagement," said Diego May, co-founder of Junar.

Junar delivers an easy-to-use, cloud-based open data platform that enables governments to open datasets to the public to drive new opportunities, collaboration and transparency. With the Junar Open Data Platform, government agencies can:

- Meet legislative Open Data requirements.
- Easily deploy and maintain Open Data without expensive IT investments.
- Provide a consistent method for publishing and sharing data that works for any department or agency.
- Reduce the cost of information handling and improve internal efficiencies.
- Make data more accessible and empower citizens to engage proactively with their local government.
- Use the Junar API to allow third-party developers to access data from their applications programmatically.
- Stimulate innovation and development from private citizens and enterprises that promotes the overall growth of communities.

Junar is the open-data platform of choice for transparency-focused cities in California such as Sacramento, Palo Alto, San Jose and Pasadena. Junar also has a strong presence in Latin America, where its platform is used by the federal governments of Chile and Costa Rica, as well as cities in Peru and Argentina.

"Many government entities are reluctant to open data to the public for fear of complexity, a large time investment or untenable IT costs," added May. "As we feel the Gartner report validates, Junar makes open data simple, affordable and accessible for all organizations looking to reap the many benefits of opening the people's data."

At the April Gartner Symposium/ITxpo in Dubai, Andrea Di Maio, managing vice president at Gartner, said that "cost effective open data" was one of the top 10 strategic technology trends for Smart Government ([press release](#)). "Smart government integrates information, communication and operational technologies to planning, management and operations across multiple domains, process areas and jurisdictions to generate

sustainable public value," she added.

About Junar

A global company with offices in Dallas, Silicon Valley, Latin America and Israel, Junar provides a cloud-based open data platform that enables innovative organizations worldwide to quickly, easily and affordably make their data accessible to all. Using the Junar platform, initial datasets can be published in a few weeks, providing greater transparency, driving collaboration and citizen engagement and freeing up precious staff resources. For more information, go to <http://www.junar.com>.

About the Cool Vendors Report

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