## Control4 & Cisco: More Than a Collaboration

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Control4 signs a strategic agreement with Cisco to deliver network-enabled automation platforms for connected smart communities and home energy deployments.

While called a collaboration, **the deal is more complicated because Cisco is investing in Control4**. The companies aren't announcing the size of Cisco's investment, but Cisco is the leading investor in Control4

s most recent \$15 million funding round.

According to an SEC filing, Control4 raised \$15 million out of a planned \$25 million from three new investors of which Cisco was one.

This **collaboration** between the two companies allows the integration of Control4 technology into Cisco's Service Delivery Platform (SDP) and the introduction of Cisco-branded Control4 products.

Control4 will become a key member of Cisco's ecosystem in **Smart+Connected Communities** and utility customers-- and deliver on the vision of **Smart+Connected Communities** and Cisco's Home Energy Management Solution.

Cisco explains the distribution part of the deal as a non-exclusive agreement to provide Control4 shome operating system in projects with cities and utilities.

Cisco's first client is the city of Incheon in So. Korea with connected homes that include Control4 home energy products, Cisco building automation technology and Cisco Telepresence.

Cisco will integrate the **Control4 EMS 100** as an element of its offering to global utility customers. The Control4 EMS 100 is a bundled solution with an EC-100 energy controller, a 4.7" touch-screen with color interface that provides feedback on electricity consumption and costs, Control4 ADVANTAGE software, and a WT-100 ZigBee wireless thermostat.

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