

# ICOM 4217 Pre-Proposal

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# 1 Team Members

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## 2 Potential Project Description Fabio

The design I have in mind uses a micro-controller to detect, log and alert a user if a refrigeration unit (i.e a refrigerator or freezer) has experienced a power outage, for how long and if a network is available, alert a user if the temperature inside the refrigeration unit has surpassed a set threshold. The setting in which this proposed design would be useful is in areas where power outages are very common in areas with outdated, non-maintained and fragile electrical infrastructure like in rural areas of Puerto Rico and many other poorer countries around Central and South America. The need for this design would be to ensure food and drug safety in the case of extended and sudden blackouts. The motivating factor is that in the case of Puerto Rico the unreliable electrical infrastructure has led much of the public in a constant of fear that medicine like insulin (which Puerto Rico has one of the largest population of diabetics the USA) are temperature sensitive and can spoil without proper and constant refrigeration, in fact, spoiled medicine can be extremely dangerous and can lead to infections and other serious health complications. The same can be said of refrigerated consumables than can spoil much quicker without refrigeration which can be especially dangerous in post natural disaster conditions like in hurricane Maria and Fiona.

### **3 Who is your client (position and contact information)? Fabio**

Kali Villegas (Temperature sensitive medication patient) Carmen Perez Muños  
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## 4 Potential Project Description Guillermo

The design in mind is using micro-processors to create a machine that is able to fold clothes after being washed just by placing them on top of it by using a foldable surface with small motors integrated for it to manage the correct foldable pattern. It will be able to detect what kind of cloth is by using infrared cameras or a similar technology and with this, it will be able to choose the correct pattern to fold the cloth. This design could be useful in different settings but I would like to focus on situations where the user needs it because of a restriction that could be age, where doing repetitive actions could be tiring, or it can be used with people with certain medical conditions like fibromyalgia where moving their bodies becomes painful, specially when making pressure with their hands becomes difficult, or staying seated or standing for long periods of times causes pain. The need and motivation that creates the problem is the fact that there are people out there that even when doing simple chores like this one, will have negative the consequences on their bodies. This design will be able to reduce those negative consequences. The problem being addressed is the difficulty for people with certain medical conditions when folding clothes and the solution scope in mind is an automatic process that folds the clothes for the users.

## 5 Who is your client (position and contact information)? Guillermo

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## 6 Potential Project Description Rubén

The proposal in mind is a micro-processor or micro-controller humidity alert and purifier that uses controllers and sensors to function, if the humidity is over a certain amount this is activated or can be disabled by the user or change the detection level preferred by the user. The setting of the problem is which would be designed for almost any household or place that is vulnerable to high humidity that has use by users, this would help in the repercussions of humidity since high humidity can cause fungus and bacteria to spread or just damage equipment that is vulnerable to high humidity like water damage and respiratory illnesses. This is very common in Puerto Rico thus this system would be very beneficial in health benefits and cost reduction by alerting the user and resolving the problem at the same time manually by an interactive system or automated one.

## 7 Who is your client? (contact info) Rubén

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## 8 Potential Project Description Enrique

The potential project revolves around the sport airsoft. In airsoft, there are a few modes mainly played, being team deathmatch, capture the flag and king of the hill, with a few others. While these modes are fun, the majority of matches is team deathmatch with one life, which can become boresome after a while. Because the majority of games are like this, most people who play wouldn't think different ways to play, since it's mostly take out the enemy team. There isn't really a good sense of needing to make a strategy to defend a zone, where the other team may come from, or how to stop them. Not only this, but these require others to become referees in order to keep count of scores. For this, a new mode can be done called "Domination", which will be achieved with the help of micro-controllers. One micro-controller will be on the arm of the user, which we'll call a player, with a screen and sensor to determine if the player is capturing a point or if the point has been captured, while another will be set in a point, with a sensor, to let the other micro-controller determine if they are close enough to the point to capture it or let know the user the point has been captured by their team. With the same setup, an easier mode can be done called "Capture the headquarters", where a team must defend a point while another team tries to capture it, but the

attacking team cannot start to capture as long as there is a member of the defending team at the point. With these two modes, a better way to collect points can be made, and since the players will have screens on their wrists, they can see how much points their team is holding and let them determine what would be the next best course of action. This should be majorly used when there are airsoft events, so there are more interesting and challenging modes where players can change the way they play, how they think at the moment and also form a new plan depending on the situation.

## 9 Who is your client? Enrique

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