To engage and interest undergraduate and graduate students and their advisors, the IEEE Council on RFID (CRFID) is offering a competition that addresses real-world problems and is:

- Open to any accredited, degree-program educational institution
- Composed of teams with at least one IEEE student member and at least one advisor who is an IEEE member

2018 CHALLENGE: SMART CITIES

Like the 2017 challenge, the 2018 challenge focuses on the use of radio frequency identification RFID in Smart Cities. Teams will be rated on how they plan and evaluate a solution that incorporates RFID technology and systems. Teams are asked to prepare as if responding to a request for proposal (RFP).

- The team will choose a city and a problem it faces that can be addressed by a smart city solution (e.g., traffic flow, mass transit, infrastructure support, revenue collections, parks management, etc.)
- The team will identify a solution that includes the use of RFID.
- For support from the RAIN RFID Alliance, passive UHF RFID must be included in the solution.
- The team will identify the steps needed to implement the solution.
- Submissions must include:
  - Problem statement
  - Proposed solution
  - Differentiator (why this solution vs. others)
  - Resource summary (Personnel and equipment)
  - Team summary – bios, function
  - 3-minute video presentation

DEADLINE: JANUARY 15, 2018

Judges from IEEE CRFID, the RAIN RFID Alliance and RFID Journal will select the top three teams to present at the IEEE RFID 2018 conference at the RFID Journal Live! event in Orlando, Florida in April, 2018. Up to $5,000 (USD) student travel support is available from IEEE CRFID and the RAIN RFID Alliance. Alliance members will prep presenters whose solution uses passive UHF. When applicable, projects will be demonstrated at RFID Journal LIVE!

For more information, please contact: megachallenge@ieee-rfid.org
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