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**P802.15.4**

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  2. **Type of Document:** Standard
  3. **Life Cycle:** Full Use

**2.1 Title:** Standard for Local and metropolitan area networks--Part 15.4: Low-Rate Wireless Personal Area Networks (LR-WPANs) – Amendment for Radio based Distance Measurement Techniques

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* 1. **Projected Completion Date for Submittal to RevCom: 07/2016**

**5.1 Approximate number of people expected to be actively involved in the development of this project: 50**

* + 1. **Scope of the complete standard:**

This standard defines the physical layer (PHY) and medium access control (MAC) sublayer specifications for low-data-rate wireless connectivity with fixed, portable, and moving devices with no battery or very limited battery consumption requirements typically operating in the personal operating space (POS) of 10 m.

Physical layers (PHYs) are defined for

-- Devices operating in the license-free 868-868.6 MHz, 902-928 MHz, and 2400-2483.5 MHz bands

-- Devices with precision ranging, extended range, and enhanced robustness and mobility

-- Devices operating according the Chinese regulations, Radio Management of P. R. of China doc. #6326360786867187500 or  
 current document, for one or more of the 314-316 MHz, 430-434 MHz and 779-787 MHz frequency bands

-- Devices operating in the 950-956 MHz allocation in Japan and coexisting with passive tag systems in the band.

* + 1. **Scope of the project:**

This amendment defines MAC and PHY extensions to the IEEE 802.15.4, to enhance the support of radio-based ranging, and enable the use of a wide range of position location applications in 802.15.4 networks. The standardized protocols will support applications with various different accuracy requirements down to centimeter levels, as well as a wide range of position estimation technologies and ranging methods.

# Is the completion of this standard dependent upon the completion of another standard: No

* 1. **Purpose:** This document will not include a purpose clause.

# Need for the Project:

The purpose of this amendment is to explicitly and clearly facilitate wireless ranging mechanisms, along with wireless data communications and network technology, to provide scalable Real Time Location Service (RTLS) support for a multitude of applications and PHY layers.

The IEEE 802.15.4 standard addresses many markets where there is a substantial need for both communications and determination of distances between two devices, i.e. ranging. The following is a representative but hardly complete set of application examples.  Suffice it to say a variety of ranging accuracies, from centimeters to many 10s of meters, may need to be supported in any given market depending on application:

* a retailer needs to determine the proximity of a shopper to specific points/displays and then send the appropriate data
* a medical environment needs to determine the proximity of a staff person to a desired item and inform that staff as to specific data for that item
* lighting control networks need to determine the range between devices to facilitate binding for control, e.g. a specific switch to a specific light fixture
* TV whitespace networks require location awareness via accurate ranging  from multiple devices to determine available frequency bands
* Railroad services desire the ability for a locomotive to determine the distance to various devices for identification, etc.

Given that various regions and applications are served by numerous frequency bands following different regulatory rules, modulations, and data rates; complexity and confusion can only be avoided if ranging data is made available to higher layers in a consistent manner for location determination mechanisms. Hence there is a need for an RTLS which works with the diverse PHYs of IEEE 802.15.4.

* 1. **Stakeholders for the Standard:** The Stakeholders includes:
* Communication device manufacturers and users
* Infrastructure operators
* Device component and systems suppliers
* Industrial Automation providers
* Building Automation providers
* Intelligent Traffic System Providers
* Large Scale Monitoring for Safety providers

**Intellectual Property**

* + 1. **Is the Sponsor aware of any copyright permissions needed for this project?: No**
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  1. **Are there other standards or projects with a similar scope?:** No
  2. **Joint Development**

**Is it the intent to develop this document jointly with another organization?:** No

**8.1 Additional Explanatory Notes (Item Number and Explanation):**