



## **Research Group Receives Receives Tenth Patent**

**This latest patent is for adaptive location data buffering for location-aware applications**

**TAMPA, Fla. (May 8, 2014)** On May 6, 2014, the U.S. Patent and Trade Office awarded U.S. Patent Number 8,718,671 to USF Center for Urban Transportation Research researchers Sean Barbeau, PhD, Phil Winters, and Nevine Georggi, and USF Computer Science and Engineering faculty Rafael Perez, PhD and Miguel Labrador, PhD, with for an adaptive location data buffering method for location-aware applications on a mobile device. The method transmits location data packets via an unreliable protocol to a receiving device and buffers a copy of the location data packet.

Periodically, the method also transmits a location data packet via a reliable protocol to the receiving device. When no acknowledgement is received from the receiving device, the location data sent via the reliable protocol is buffered to memory. Once an acknowledgement is received from the receiving device, all of the buffered location data is sent to the receiving device via an unreliable protocol.

This tenth patent is one of 16 the group originally filed for GPS-enabled devices. The first patent was issued in October, 2011.

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