

# Alamo Inventors<sup>SM</sup>



## Utilizing Open Source to Boost Innovation

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Ryan Beltrán is co-founder of Elequa, [www.elequatech.com](http://www.elequatech.com), a startup revolving around a simple and affordable water treatment technology with a wide range electrocoagulation (EC). The Elequa team realized that the full potential of EC has yet to be realized and would require many man hours and resources to test against the massive amount of unique water problems that face the globe each day. By opening up the technology in an open source environment Elequa plans to rapidly develop the technology with the global community by linking up with hackerspaces and Universities. Open Source is a way to efficiently harness large amounts of man hours for research and development in a short amount of time by reducing barriers and creating a network of individuals sharing the same goals. Makerbot (3D Printers), Arduino, Linux are all based on an open source platform.

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Ryan tied for Best SA Inventor 2014, [www.sacurrent.com/sanantonio/best-inventor/BestOf?oid=2250581](http://www.sacurrent.com/sanantonio/best-inventor/BestOf?oid=2250581).

**If you are not sure what Open Source is, be sure to bring your questions to the presentation.**

Also, please take this opportunity to pay your annual dues (\$25/\$95 Corporate), thanks!

**Wednesday, May 13, 2015**

**Free pizza party in celebration of National Inventors Month (during the network hour).**

**5:30-6:30 Networking 6:30-8:00 PM - Presentation**

**San Antonio Technology Center**

**3463 Magic Drive**

(North of I-410 Between Callaghan and Fredericksburg Roads)

**Public Invited**



Alamo Inventors, a Special Interest Group (SIG) of Technology Connexus Association, is a non-profit organization made up of local area engineers, business people, professionals, students, faculty and people from all walks of life. Anyone interested in inventing and/or business and product development is welcome to attend and become a member.

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