

One COOL DUDE

DAN RINI AND RTI ARE DEVELOPING CUTTING-EDGE COOLING TECHNOLOGIES THAT COULD SAVE LIVES.

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Most of us living in Florida take our comfort for granted. We can even control our own personal environment with the simple flick of a switch — until we walk outside. But what if there were a way to create a personal air conditioner portable enough to take with you anywhere you went?

This may seem a bit decadent for everyday life, even in our summer heat, but what if your job required you to wear a heavy, barely-breathable suit for safety reasons under harsh environmental conditions? Imagine a soldier working in a sealed biohazard suit in a HazMat situation in Iraq, or a firefighter attempting to control an intense chemical blaze. In these cases a personal air conditioner