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In recent years, the IEEE-USA
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several government agencies the
Small Business Administration (SBA),
Federal Communications Commission
(FCC), United States Patent and
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# IEEE'S EMPOWER A BILLION LIVES COMPETITION NAMES GLOBAL FINAL RECIPIENTS



Twenty-three teams from around the world have been competing in the IEEE Power Electronics Empower a Billion Lives (EBL) Global Final competition to identify and promote cutting-edge, high-impact solutions to extreme poverty and lack of access to energy in the developing world. The recipients presented their solutions at the IEEE Power Electronics Society (PELS) Energy Access Workshop, hosted by the IEEE Energy Conversion Congress Exposition, a workshop dedicated to

bringing together the Energy Access Community that is rising out of the efforts of initiatives like EBL.

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## SARCOS DEMONSTRATES POWERED EXOSUIT THAT GIVES WORKERS SUPER STRENGTH



Sarcos has been developing powered exoskeletons and the robotic technologies that make them possible for decades, and the lobby of the company's headquarters is a resting place for concepts and prototype hardware that's been abandoned along the way. As our introductory briefing concludes, Sarcos CEO Ben Wolff is visibly excited to be able to show off what they've been working on in their lab. "If you were to ask the question, What does 30 years and US\$300 million look like," Wolff tells us, "you're going to see it downstairs."

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## JAPANESE RESEARCHERS TEACHING ROBOTS TO REPAIR THEMSELVES



When mobile manipulators eventually make it into our homes, self-repair is going to be a very important function. Hopefully, these robots will be durable enough that they won't need to be repaired very often, but from time to time they'll almost certainly need minor maintenance. At Humanoids 2019 in Toronto, researchers from the University of Tokyo showed how they taught a PR2 to perform simple repairs on itself by tightening its own screws.

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BURLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS, USA 04 February 2020

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS, USA 18 February 2020

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### 2020 | 4TH GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP & BUSINESS MANAGEMENT SUMMIT

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