# IPRO 333 FABRICATION LAB

Sponsor: Museum of Science and Industry

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#### What is IPRO 333

#### Improving the following areas:

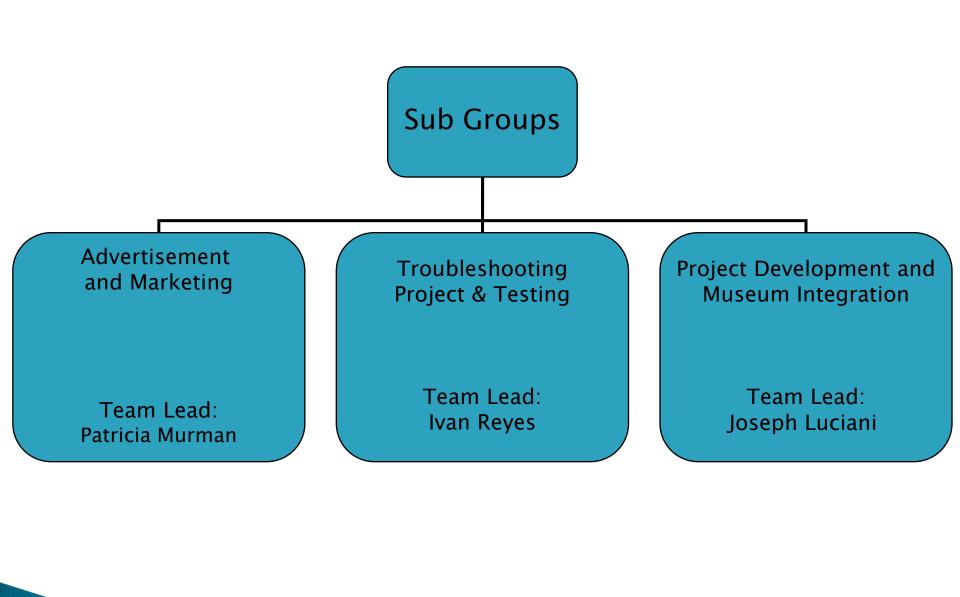
- ▶ Utilization
- **≻**Identity
- **→**Organization
- **>** Publicity
- ➤ Staffing
- > Funding



# Overarching Goals

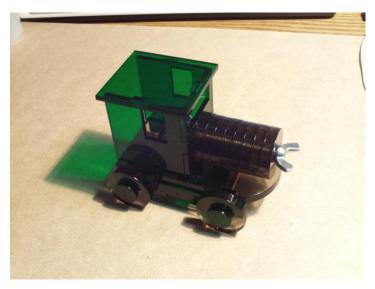
- Connect with Fab Lab community
- Gain knowledge of Fab Lab capabilities
- > Implement programs
  - Prototype projects
  - Develop tutorials
  - Organize events
- Advertising and marketing
  - Fab Lab website
  - Educational outreach
  - Integration into MSI





### **Progress**

- Developing and refining projects
  - Proposing new projects
  - Mock-up projects
  - Document process/Design user manuals
- Collaboration with MIT Fab Lab
  - Implementing common institutional framework
  - Mimic "best practices" used by the experts
- Open access event coordination
  - School teachers
  - Museum members
- "Get the word out!"
  - Website development
  - K-12 outreach
  - Open Access for museum visitors



#### Obstacles-to-date

- Staff reduction
- Limited access to Lab
- Lack of communication
  - Shortage of museum input



- Lack of equipment knowledge
- Transportation

# **Anticipated Challenges**

- Proactive involvement with MSI
- Determine sources of funding
- Project selection
- Implement user programs
- Documentation for future IPRO 333 groups



# **QUESTIONS?**

