

INVENTION DISCLOSURE FORM FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION

INVENTION DISCLOSURE - SHORT FORM*

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1. What is the problem solved by the invention? _____

2. How was the problem solved before the invention? _____

3. Describe the invention in three ways; list and attach related materials if necessary:

(a) Form: (How is it constructed; what does it look like? Cross reference written description to drawings, architecture diagrams, user interface or dashboard screen shots, etc. Use a modular approach to the description and figures if useful) _____

(b) Function: (What does it do? Give examples and variations of the functional transformation(s) produced by the invention and /or modules or sections of the invention.) _____

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(c) Method: (How does it work? Cross reference a written description to flow charts and logic diagrams.) _____

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Include or identify the existence of any test data that will verify the timeline and development work leading to the invention, and the final results. _____

4. Prior art references: List patents and applications, and title/author/publisher/date of other publications known to you that relate closely or are most similar to the invention. Retain copies of any non-patent literature for consideration by patent counsel. _____

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6. The invention was first conceived on (date) _____

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