

INVENTION DISCLOSURE FORM

The following information provides a useful starting point for drafting a patent application.

1. Title.

2. Description of invention and prior art.

- a. Describe the problem(s) your invention attempts to solve, and how these problems are addressed in the prior art.

- b. Provide a brief summary of your invention.

- i. Point out the key elements/features of the invention, including the elements responsible for solving the above problems, and any features believed to be new.
- ii. List the advantages of your invention and how the advantages are related to the key elements.
- iii. Include any reasons your invention would not have been obvious to someone of average skill in the art.

c. Describe in detail the preferred embodiment (implementation) of your invention. A picture is worth many words: attach sketches, flow-charts, or graphs as appropriate. Explain both how the embodiment is made and how it is used. Describe new features in more detail than known features. Use additional pages as needed.

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d. Describe possible variations and modifications to the preferred embodiment. What features of the preferred embodiment can be changed or omitted while remaining within the scope of your invention? What would you do if you were trying to design around the patent? Include descriptions of alternative embodiments.

3. Inventor information. For each inventor include his or her:
- a. full name, including any middle initial
 - b. city of residence (city of their home address)
 - c. work address
 - d. telephone number, email address

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4. U.S. government support information, if any. Include any contract or grant numbers and the sponsor name(s).

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5. Public disclosures and publications. Include past and/or future dates of any:
- a. publication
 - b. other public disclosure, including oral public disclosure or display
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