

What is closest prior art that you know of? List all (i) documents (e.g., papers, articles, patents, books, brochures, web pages, trade papers, user guides, etc.) that describe, (ii) all products that contain, and (iii) all processes that used the closest technologies to your invention. Please provide a copy of each listed document.

How does the invention differ from the prior art and what are the advantages of the invention over the prior art? Explain why the differences between the invention and the prior art would not have been obvious to technical peers working on the same problem.

Is the invention related to an earlier filed application?

- Yes. The related application(s) is(are) the following:
_____.
- No.

Is any part of the invention funded by the U.S. government or other agency?

- Yes. The government contract number(s) is(are) the following:
_____.
- No.

In which countries would you like to protect the invention?

Is the invention subject to an assignment, obligation of assignment, licensing agreement, or joint development agreement?

- Yes. The invention is subject to _____.
- No.

Is the invention subject to a secrecy agreement? Should the invention be filed with a non-publication request? (Note: to file a non-publication request the applicant must certify that the invention has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country.)

- Yes. The invention is subject to a secrecy agreement.
- Yes. The invention should be filed with a non-publication request.
- No.

Information of the Disclosure of the Invention

Has a product or process embodying the invention ever been offered for sale in the United States (even if the offer was rejected)?

- Yes. The first time was on _____.
- No. However, such an offer may be made on _____ at the earliest.
- No. There are no current plans to make such an offer.

Has a product embodying the invention ever been sold or delivered anywhere in the world?

- Yes. The first time was on _____.
- No. However, such a sale or delivery may be made on _____ at the earliest.
- No. There are no current plans to make such a sale or delivery.

Has the invention ever been described in a publication, brochure, conference paper, trade show, website, or document that has been distributed without the protection of a written non-disclosure agreement?

- Yes. The first time was on _____.
- No. However, such a distribution may be made on _____ at the earliest.
- No. There are no current plans to make such a distribution.

Has the invention ever been used in public, other than to verify that it works?

- Yes. The first time was on _____.
- No. However, such a use may be occurring on _____ at the earliest.
- No. There are no current plans for such a use of the invention.