

Which comes first: the idea or the innovation?

There's no doubt that both the innovation and the idea come before the invention. Another surety is a patent must always follow an invention in order to make sure the idea/innovation is credited to the proper source.



In 1899, Charles H. Duell, U.S. Patent Office Commissioner, said, "Everything that can be invented has been invented." Obviously, not a true statement – you're reading this using your computer which came quite a few years after Mr. Duell's statement. He, apparently, didn't have much foresight as far as innovation but he did know something still true today – the value of a patent.

The [LexisNexis Global Patent Initiative](#) (GPI) was established specifically to help ensure that LNG innovations continue to be captured and properly protected. The GPI consists of a framework and strategy for protecting and leveraging LNG patented inventions.

An important part of its mission is to cultivate an environment that values the development of inventions in order to create a patent portfolio that protects key innovations – your innovations – and enhances our competitive position.

We encourage you to [submit](#) your innovations to us as we continue to build a world-class patent portfolio.

To learn more about the GPI and the LNG patent process, visit the [LexisNexis Global Patent Initiative](#) website. You'll find a list of [FAQs](#) and information on the [Award and Recognition Plan](#), sponsored by LexisNexis, to encourage innovation by employees.

Other features of the site include a list of issued patents, patent manual and a webinar of the GSD Patent Training Session. The session covers some patent basics as well as LexisNexis' internal process for obtaining patent protection.

If you have any questions regarding the Global Patent Initiative, please contact the [Patent Review Coordinator](#).

Here is a list of LexisNexis Innovators who contributed to patent filings in 2009. Why not add your name to the list for 2010?

- Dirk DeCanck
 - Ash Hassib
 - Steve Zalewski
 - David Bayliss
 - Mike Lamb
 - Armando Escalante
 - Warren Taylor
 - Bill Madison
 - Seshu Edala
 - David J. Miller
 - Donald Loritz
 - Ling Zhang
 - Harry Silver
 - Mark Wasson
 - Shian-Jung Chen
 - Paul Zhang
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