

# Archimedes' Offspring: Vetting Process and Application for Vetting Form

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1. Please use the following email address to communicate with the vetting team: [Vetting@ArchimedesOffspring.com](mailto:Vetting@ArchimedesOffspring.com) . If at all possible, submit everything electronically.
2. Download the blank Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) form. You can find it by clicking ---> [here](#)
3. Complete the NDA form by filling in the blanks with your name, the name of your company (if applicable) and your address, and execute the NDA where it says “Disclosee”. Send the completed NDA to us at the address indicated above. The Vetting Team will send you a copy for your files, countersigned by representative of AOS Management, LLC (“AOS”).
4. Once you receive the fully-executed copy of the NDA back from us, you are ready to begin the process of completing this Application for Vetting form (the “Application”).
5. However, before sitting down to complete the Application, first click ---> [here](#) to view our Terms of Service / Disclaimer. **THIS IS AN IMPORTANT STEP! BY SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION TO US, YOU ARE DEEMED TO HAVE ACCEPTED OUR TERMS OF SERVICE / DISCLAIMER. *Accordingly, you owe it to yourself to carefully review those terms in order to satisfy yourself that they are acceptable to you.***
6. Along with the completed Application, you must provide a professional comprehensive patent/product search from any reputable Patent/Product Search company. (Note that the current market rate for a full search averages \$499 to \$2,000+, depending on the search company you use and the complexity of the search). *(If you would like a*

*list of Search companies, please contact the Archimedes Offspring Vetting Team.)*

7. You must also provide a “Patentability Opinion” issued by a qualified Patent Attorney who is currently registered with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. *(Again, check in with the Vetting Team if you need a referral to a registered patent attorney or if you have other questions.)*
8. Complete the attached Information Worksheet.
9. A non-refundable \$25 Vetting fee will be due at the time we receive your completed Application packet. An e-mail “PayPal” button will be forwarded to you for this purpose.

If you need more space for your information than is provided, please attach additional pages.

# Information Worksheet

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Name(s) of Inventor(s):

Mailing Address(es):

Residential Address(es):

Telephone Number(s):

E-mail Address(es):

*“Invention” means a combination of conception (coming up with the idea of the invention) and reduction to practice (building it, creating a detailed computer model, or applying for a patent).*

Please provide the name of your invention.

Describe the invention in general terms. What does it do? How does it do it?  
What problem or need does the invention solve?

Who did your comprehensive professional patent and product search?

Who did the patentability opinion?

If you’ve already filed a patent application, who filed the patent?

Did you use an “invention promotion company” like InventHelp or Invention Home?

What parts (steps, if the invention is a method instead of a device) make up the invention, in its best (preferred) form?

What does each part contribute to the invention?

Which parts are new to this invention (in form or usage); which are old (conventional, used in the expected way)?

In what way do the parts interact to make the invention work?

For each part, indicate if the part (or its form or interconnection) is ESSENTIAL to the invention – that is, for each part, ask: “If this part were changed or left out, would the invention still work?”

*If possible, please attach labeled sketches that provide detail of your invention. Digital photographs/videos of the invention (or a prototype) can be submitted as well. Be sure all essential parts are shown, and try not to include extraneous details in the sketches. Specific measurements are not required, unless they are essential to the operation of the invention. For methods, a flow chart, with a detailed description of each step, is ideal.*

*If there is a network involved (people, computers, relationships, etc.) please provide a high-level network diagram showing the major components and indicating the relationships, interactions and input/output for each member of the network.*

## *Limitations*

When will the invention not work?

Are there any critical ranges of size, weight, pressure, etc. for any of the parts of your invention? (i.e. “the cap must be made of steel with a Rockwell hardness of 32-56”)

Must some parts be made of specific substances?

For “method” patents, which method steps are critical and why are these critical steps?

***State of the Art: Consider what was already in existence (whether patented or not) before the invention.***

What existing products or methods address the same problem/need today? How do they function, how are they different and how is your invention an improvement?

Is there any combination of existing devices (methods) which would be similar to your invention?

### ***Date of Invention:***

Conception: When did you first begin to work on the invention?

Reduction to Practice: Has the invention been built? If so, in what form (basic model, working prototype, production samples, detailed computer model, CAD model, etc.)? When was each completed?

### ***Publications:***

Has the invention ever been described in any printed form (e.g., newspaper, magazine, book, article, etc.), or in any other media (television, radio, internet, etc.), by anyone? If so, where and when? (Please attach a working internet link or a physical copy.)

### ***Prior Filings:***

Has a Disclosure Document or Provisional Patent Application been filed anywhere on this invention; or has there been an application for any type of patent or other intellectual property in the USA or elsewhere?

Type of Filing:

Date of Filing:

Serial Number (of the application(s) or issued patent(s)):

Where Filed:

### ***Public Use:***

Has the invention ever been shown or used in public? If so, where and when?

### ***Sale:***

Has the invention ever been sold or offered for sale in an advertisement? If so, where, when, and to whom?

### ***Third Party Rights:***

Other Inventors: Is there anyone else who contributed to the conception or reduction to practice of the invention, in more than a “service provider” way?

Rights in Others: Have you already sold, given away, or otherwise transferred any rights in the invention or related intellectual property to others? Are you under any obligation to assign any rights in the invention or related intellectual property to others?

Was the invention developed in the course of employment, contracting, work for hire, etc., or using any facilities or resources belonging to an employer or third party?

Do you have an agreement with your employer that you will assign any inventions you may make to the employer?

Was the invention developed in the course of a consulting agreement with someone else? If so, did you agree that any inventions belong to them?

Was there any funding of the development of the invention by any party (government agency, school, etc.) who might claim rights in the invention?

Was any equipment or facilities used in the development of the invention which was funded by or belongs to any government agency?

Are there any other possible encumbrances that may exist to your sole ownership of the invention and associated intellectual property?

*Additional Comments:*



***Be sure that EACH inventor signs and dates the form below. If an inventor is not available or otherwise, please speak with the Vetting Team.***

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Signing: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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(add more signatures as needed)