

Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Patents Real Fast Sign Agreement on Patent Search Service

DALLAS, May 20 – Patents Real Fast LLC (PRF) announces an agreement with Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) for the use of PRF Query, a self-directed patent and prior art search service.

PRF Query helps inventors, engineers and scientists roll up their sleeves and immediately start looking for any relevant documents about their idea. It is delivered as an online web service, automates all of the critical steps and costs significantly less than the typical initial patent search.

“We have been rolling out PRF Query throughout the university and are featuring it through the Library, where the librarians routinely assist students and faculty in doing prior art searches,” said Todd Keiller, Director of Intellectual Property & Innovation at WPI.

“Many student and student/faculty teams come through my office prior to their project presentations, and because of PRF Query, I was able to give them the tool that would allow them to quickly and easily do the search,” Keiller said.

“PRF Query has also been a helpful tool for working with our patent attorneys - especially when we provide them with the critical initial invention disclosure form.”

WPI was founded in 1865 to create and convey the latest science and engineering knowledge in ways that are most beneficial to society. Nestled in Worcester, Massachusetts, the heart of New England, WPI is a leader in developing science and engineering leaders ... and science and engineering solutions.

At WPI, faculty members and students are engaged in cutting-edge research across a broad range of disciplines. Research at WPI has a decidedly applied focus, with work focused on problems that are interesting and important. The result is new knowledge, new innovations, and technological advances that attack some of the major challenges of our time. More often than not, these pressing issues require insight from multiple fields, making WPI's historic strength in interdisciplinary research and education an important advantage.

“We are excited to have an agreement with WPI to use the PRF patent search service. We know they are a leader in research and innovation and hope that our service will deliver great benefits in their ongoing patent and prior art search efforts,” stated Pete Fenner, President of Patents Real Fast.

About Patents Real Fast

The mission of Patents Real Fast is to help an inventor control money and time risk in the patent process. Patents Real Fast LLC (PRF) was launched in the fall of 2011 after the PRF research team developed unique patent search technology to help inventors and patent-practitioners.

The research effort was initiated by Pete Fenner, President of LightbusTechnologies and Fenner Investments Limited and was directed by Dr. Margaret Dunham, Professor of Computer Science at Southern Methodist University (SMU).

Mr. Fenner has a lengthy background with both patents and the patent search process. He understands how time-consuming and cumbersome the search process can be and considered for some time how to dramatically speed up this process. The research effort led to the launch of Patents Real Fast and its initial product, PRF Query.

More information and an animated product demo about PRF Query can be found at <http://www.patentsrealfast.com>

In addition, the website contains many helpful articles and blog entries, like The First 7 Critical Steps in the Patent Process and The Top 10 Critical Issues that an Inventor Must Understand.

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