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To ensure participation, the USPTO should consider paying the public for relevant crowdsourced prior art submissions. Here is one way this could work: a payment would be made for prior art submissions that are utilized by the Office, i.e., if an Examiner makes use of a crowdsourced reference in a rejection, and the reference was new, i.e., not already of record, then the first submitter of that reference would receive a payment. The number of submissions allowed should be limited for each submitter for each application to ensure that only the best references are submitted and so that the Office is not swamped with irrelevant submissions. Payment need not necessarily be cash, e.g., payment could be made in the form of transferable credit(s) for USPTO service fees.

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