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Subject: comments on patent quality

Dear PTO,

In response to your recent Federal Register notice, I submit the following suggestion: I'd strongly suggest privatizing the prior art search process - especially to obtain non-patent prior art relevant to business method patents.

I think this change would great enhance the quality of issued patents.

Thanks.

Clint Gerdine