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General Comment

If inventors and their helperâ€™s (attorneys/agents) had access to the same STIC automated pre-examination search that includes an algorithm to analyze an application for the presence of frequently-used terms. STIC would then searches a database of prior art limited to U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications for references containing those terms to generate a list of possible references for consideration with the frequently-used terms highlighted. With these references in hand as a starting point, the inventor and/or helper is positioned to begin a substantive evaluation, which includes their own search of the prior art done based upon a review of the specification and actual claim language (as opposed to mere frequently-used terms). It is likely that the examiner would receive a higher quality patent application to start with. This would lighten the load on the examiners, allowing the inventor and/or their helpers do perform much of the initial grunt work saving the USPTO money and paying for the cost of the service.