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Great proposals overall.

One small concern on limiting CIP's from a pro se point of view: When I feel boxed in by my ignorance, a CIP is a reasonable way out and I'd hate to lose it. For example, one of my early conundrums was needing to add a phrase, but not being able to add new matter....patent lawyers may know how to finesse that but as a new guy I was clueless.

Excellent idea on "representative" claims. I would even suggest one of them be a Jepson type claim, eg, "an improved mouse trap wherein the improvement is .....".

Another suggestion along the same lines is to have the applicant (and attorney and examiner and everyone else involved) be required to give an opinion on the usefulness/commercial potential of his invention. For example, in the IDS the applicant could fill in a column saying whether his invention had more or less commercial potential than each cited prior art. (Let's make this forecast to be within the next 10 years.)

Keep up the good work.

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