

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Arthur K Shafer on August 27, 2012.

In the Claims:

Claims 1-11, and 35-60 are canceled.

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art is Work (US Patent No. 7,725,525). Work discloses a method that matches between search queries and potential targets of such search queries are automatically brokered by comparing search criteria specified in the search queries with profile criteria describing potential targets, and reporting instances of acceptable correspondence between the search criteria and the profile criteria. The search criteria includes portions of descriptive profiles of the potential targets. Descriptive profiles include some or all of an individual's

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capabilities, history, values, interests, style, goals, projects, contacts, profiles of said contacts, employment history, education history, organizational activities.

Applicant's arguments filed on June 28, 2012 (Pages 19-22 in particular) are deemed to be persuasive and adequately reflect the Examiner's opinion as to why claims 12-34 and 61-62 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record cited in the PTO-892 form and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Romain Jeanty whose telephone number is (571)272-6732. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs 7:30 am to 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynda Jasmin can be reached on (571) 272-6782. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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