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General Comment

I have been supporting and mentoring inventors for well over 60 years. I have created several inventor assistance organizations, the last one in 1995 at California State University where I was on the faculty. It is the www.CaliforniaInventionCenter.org and it was created with a \$100,000 grant from NIST/DOC. It is a pure educational center to help creative people commercialize their inventions. I have started over 30 companies based on creative ideas and sold one to Google in 2016. I have taught and lectured at universities throughout America and overseas for WIPO. I started a lecture series four years ago at the USPTO in Silicon Valley (San Jose).

If it was not for the inventors of America over the last few centuries we would not be enjoying and appreciating our great way of life. Inventors of all ages from early education through universities need to be encouraged and believe that their creativity can create new ventures that will employ people and help the entire economy.

I have worked with world famous inventors over the years, from Steven Hawking to Bill Lear, and Jim Ferguson to Forrest Bird, all of whom are in the Inventors Hall of Fame.

They not only need encouragement but know that what they are doing could result in fame and

wealth. I went to DC in 1982 with Ronald Reagan and worked for Malcolm Baldrige for three years traveling the US and speaking at inventor organizations plus the DOE NIW Workshops. I am willing to provide additional details if requested.