

In response to a request for comments to be sent to the USPTO re the electronic publication of the Official Gazette, I wish to inform you that I believe that it is a very needed aspect of the USPTO website. My PTDL is in northern Michigan (Big Rapids) and most of my inventors have to come from one to four hours away to do a patent search or to learn about how to search for patents. While they are in my library, they can use all of our materials at their leisure, but when they return home, to continue the search on the Internet, they do not have access to the OG's at all. The OG's are very important for an inventor to see as it gives him/her a first look at something that might be very like his/her own idea.

Many of the inventors do not have access to their own computer, but must use one of their public library's computers, and are also not permitted to download the TIFF-reader plug-in. They can go to the IBM website to see the patents, but they should be able to quickly see an image of the patent they are interested in without having to leave the USPTO website and enter someone else's.

I fully support the possibility of putting the Official Gazette for patents on the USPTO website and making it available to everyone doing a patent search.

Thank you for this opportunity.

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