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Subject: Proposed Cancellation of the disclosure document program

Comments:

As a patent practitioner I concur with the proposed recommendation of cancelling this program. It seems to have outlived its usefulness.

The proposed notice was an excellent discussion of why this program is outdated and no longer needed.

However, there was no discussion of how much the current system is being used (if this was discussed I missed it - sorry).

If the system is currently very rarely being used - then that is yet another factor in eliminating the program, and can also be listed prominently.

If the current program is used "more than rarely" (and I would not know what that would be), then a procedure for handling those submissions received shortly after the program in ended should also be addressed. For example, allow those that submit disclosure documents AFTER the program is ended to convert their filing to a provisional patent application with the filing date of the original submission.

Other than that minor issue, good job...

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