



Special Licensing Report

5 Sources for IP Licensing

There are literally hundreds or thousands of patented ideas waiting for a licensee.

Why? Many IP “inventors” are not business minded. Another reason is the inventor may work for a company or institution that prevents the inventor from commercializing. Third, why reinvent the wheel when someone else already has it rolling.

And for startups, entrepreneurs and business owners, that spells opportunity.

This list of IP sources provides a sample of what is available. It’s a win-win situation for both the licensor and the licensee – if successful, the IP gets commercialized, and income is generated for both parties.

1. USDA Patents and Licensing

<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usdahome>

The USDA has IP available for licensing covering a wide variety of technology interests. There is a section detailing success stories, and an easy to follow application process. Access Licensing and Patents through the Laws and Regulation Page.

2. MIT Patents Available for Licensing

<http://web.mit.edu/tlo/www/index.html>

Find out what’s available for licensing from one of the preeminent institutions in the world.

3. NASA Technology Transfer and Partnership Office

<http://technology.grc.nasa.gov/>

NASA is always working on cutting edge research, and naturally NASA spins a lot of IP out of that research. NASA’s site has a lot of information, and a thorough explanation on how to partner with NASA.

4. Army Patents Available for Licensing

<http://nsrdec.natick.army.mil/business/index.htm>

The military always has fascinating technology available for licensing. Also, it’s very possible you’ll be able to get some funding from the Army towards commercializing their technology. Plus, if you commercialize it in a way the military can use it, there really is no better customer to have than the U.S. military.

5. IBM Intellectual Property and Licensing

<http://www.ibm.com/ibm/licensing/>

IBM has been awarded more patents than any other company in the world... over 3000 patents. Obviously, IBM is not able to commercialize each and every one of its patents, and so they list patents that are available for licensing