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Ohio Inventors Vie for Patent Awards

Inventions affect millions of dollars in sales for Ohio corporations

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Columbus (January 6, 2012) ... Applications for the third annual Ohio Patent Awards sponsored by The Ohio Academy of Science and The Ohio State Bar Association (OSBA) Intellectual Property Law Section are due February 1. There are two award categories: the Ohio Patent **Legacy** Award, and the Ohio Patent **Impact** Award. See application details at www.ohiosci.org/PatentAward.pdf.

The awards will recognize individuals or organizations and their counsel who have contributed intellectual property in the form of a granted patent within Ohio. The **Legacy** Award will be granted to a prolific and/or historic Ohio patentee-inventor in recognition of their contribution of significant intellectual property in the form of a U.S. patent or collection of U.S. patents. The Ohio **Impact** Award will be granted to the Ohio inventor or organization and their counsel who have contributed new intellectual property in the form of an issued U.S. patent that has significantly affected the state of Ohio through positive changes. Among the criteria for the Ohio Impact Awards is significance to Ohio's economic, social change, health benefits, or growth of new industries and/or jobs

Ohio has a rich history of innovation including the controlled, powered airplane, the automobile self-starter, the flip-top can, the vaccine for feline leukemia, and numerous other patented inventions that have had a worldwide impact.

A panel of five members from the Academy's Board of Trustees and the Intellectual Property Law Section of OSBA, will evaluate the nominations for the patent award based on several criteria that includes the following: (a) most prolific (greatest number) of patents in a year, or (b) a patent which has significantly impacted the state of Ohio through positive changes measured by economic, social change, health benefits, growth of new industries, jobs, or other possible criteria. The attorney associated with the winning patent will receive the attorney award.

Each inventor awardee will receive an engraved plaque at the Academy's annual meeting. The attorney of record of the patent or his/her law firm will also receive an engraved plaque at the Academy's annual meeting or at the annual convention of the OSBA, at their choosing. Email questions to oas@iwaynet.net or call 614.488.2228. See application details at www.ohiosci.org/PatentAward.pdf.

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