

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
WACO DIVISION**

GREATGIGZ SOLUTIONS, LLC,

Plaintiff

v.

**ANGIE’S LIST, INC. AND
PREEMINENT CONTRACTING,
LLC**

Defendants

Case No. 6:20-cv-633

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

GreatGigz Solutions, LLC (“Plaintiff”) hereby files this First Amended Complaint for Patent Infringement against Angie’s List, Inc. and Preeminent Contracting, LLC (“collectively Defendants”), and alleges, upon information and belief, as follows:

THE PARTIES

1. GreatGigz Solutions, LLC is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal place of business at 600 S. Dixie Highway, Suite 605, West Palm Beach, Florida 33401.
2. On information and belief, Angie’s List, Inc. (“Angie’s List”) is a foreign for-profit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with a principal place of business located in the State of Indiana. Angie’s List may be served through its registered agent in the State of Texas at CT Corporation System, 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900, Dallas, Texas 75201. On information and belief, Angie’s List sells and offers to sell products and services throughout

the State of Texas, including in this judicial District, and introduces services via its infringing systems into the stream of commerce knowing and intending that they would be extensively used in the State of Texas and in this judicial District. On information and belief, Angie's List specifically targets customers in the State of Texas and in this judicial District.

3. On information and belief, Preeminent Contracting, LLC ("Preeminent Contracting") is a Texas Limited Liability Corporation with offices in Leander, Texas 78626 (<https://preeminentcontracting.com/>).
4. On information and belief, Preeminent Contracting uses the Accused Instrumentalities to solicit customers for business throughout this District. On information and belief, Preeminent Contracting may be served with process by serving the Texas Secretary of State.
5. On information and belief, Angie's List, Inc. and Preeminent Contracting, LLC are engaged in a joint venture for the purpose of benefitting from the sale and use of the Accused Instrumentalities, as described below.

JOINT ENTERPRISE

6. On information and belief, Defendants Angie's List, Inc. and Preeminent Contracting, LLC have jointly and severally entered into and formed a joint enterprise for the purpose of exploiting and profiting from the sale and use of the Accused Instrumentalities, as detailed herein.
7. On information and belief, the Defendants have together entered into an express or implied agreement to exploit and profit from the sale and use of the Accused Instrumentalities.
8. On information and belief, Defendants generate revenues, business goodwill, and market share, which bolsters their respective reputations and ability to generate sales to other customers in this District.

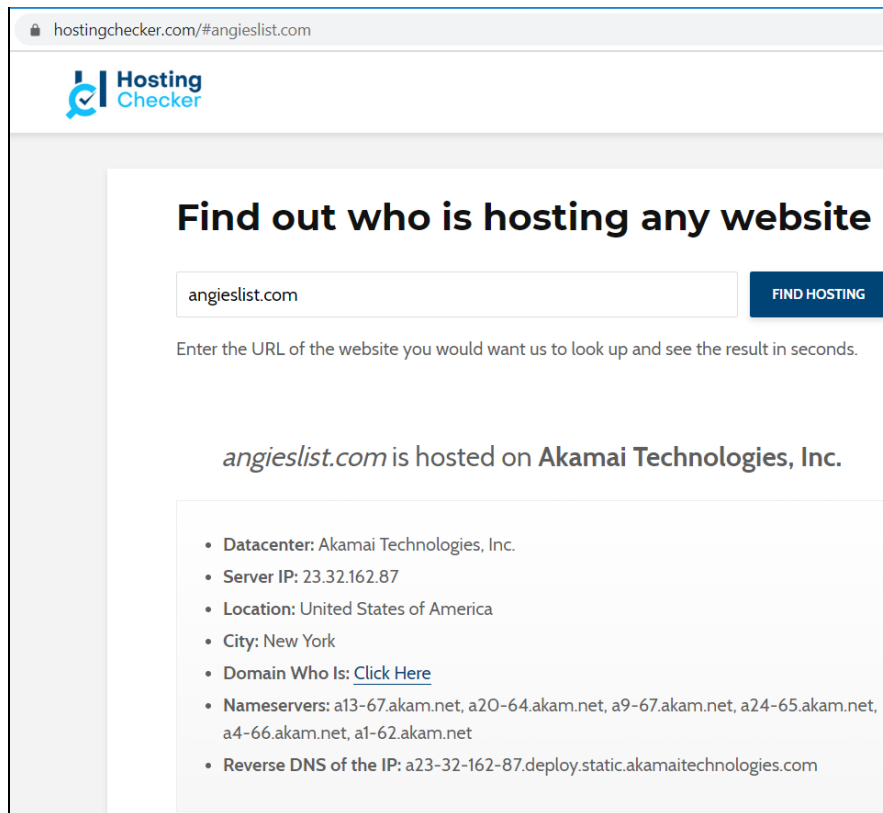
9. On information and belief, the actions of the Defendants were carried out in furtherance of the common purpose of exploiting and profiting from the use of accused instrumentalities in this District.
10. On information and belief, the actions of the Defendants complained of herein benefit Defendants and, as such, exhibits a common pecuniary interest (including but not limited to revenues, goodwill, market share, and sales advantage) among the Defendants.
11. On information and belief, each of the Defendants are sophisticated parties and entered into agreements such that each Defendant exercises control of the use of the accused instrumentalities. *See, e.g.,* <https://content.angieslist.com/angieslist/LeadsTermsAndConditions.pdf> (Angie's List Lead Feed Service Provider Agreement, which outlines the respective rights and obligations of Defendants, including § 5 (describing joint participation and control over the use of the accused instrumentalities for the benefit of both Defendants)).
12. The joint enterprise exists and operates in this judicial District.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

13. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this case under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338.
14. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants. Defendants have continuous and systematic business contacts with the State of Texas. Defendant Angie's List directly conducts business extensively throughout this District, by distributing, making, using, offering for sale, selling, and advertising (including the provision of interactive web pages and mobile applications) its services in the State of Texas and in this District. Defendant Angie's List has purposefully and voluntarily made its infringing systems available to residents of this District and into the stream of commerce with the intention and expectation that they will be purchased and used by consumers in this District. *See* <https://www.angieslistbusinesscenter.com/?cid=AL>.

Defendant Preeminent Contracting is a Texas domestic limited liability corporation doing business in this District (<https://preeminentcontracting.com/>).

15. Moreover, on information and belief, the Accused Instrumentalities are hosted on the Akamai platform which, in turn, is built on an “aggregate data center in Texas.”



See <https://hostingchecker.com/#angleslist.com>

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Akamai Technologies, Inc. (NASDAQ: AKAM), the intelligent edge platform for securing and delivering digital experiences, proudly announces that the Seymour Hills Wind Farm, in which the company has invested, is mechanically completed and expected to become commercially operational in the coming weeks.

Akamai's aggregate Texas area data center operations will soon be powered by eight megawatts of renewable energy - or up to 192 MWh of power per day - generated by the Seymour Hills Wind Farm in northwestern Texas. This represents approximately seven percent of the company's global power load. The wind farm is part of Akamai's **commitment** to source renewable energy for 50 percent of its global network operations by 2020. The 20-year investment places Akamai at the forefront of an emerging trend in which mid-market corporations are investing in renewable energy projects as a way to decarbonize their operations.

See <https://www.akamai.com/us/en/about/news/press/2019-press/akamai-to-power-dallas-data-center-with-sustainable-energy.jsp>

16. On information and belief, the Akamai Texas data center is under the joint direction and control of Akamai and Angie’s List, such that it is a “regular and established place of business” of Angie’s List.
17. Venue is proper in the Western District of Texas as to Defendant pursuant to at least 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(c)(2) and 1400(b). As noted above, each Defendant maintains regular and established places of business in the State of Texas, and the joint enterprise exists and operates in this judicial District.

PATENTS-IN-SUIT

18. GreatGigz Solutions, LLC is the owner, by assignment, of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,662,194 (“the ’194 Patent”); 7,490,086 (“the ’086 Patent”); 9,760,864 (“the ’864 Patent”); and 10,096,000 (“the ’000 Patent”) (hereinafter collectively referred to as “the GGS Patents”).
19. The GGS Patents are valid, enforceable, and were duly issued in full compliance with Title 35 of the United States Code.
20. The inventions described and claimed in the GGS Patents were invented by Raymond Anthony Joao.
21. The GGS Patents each include numerous claims defining distinct inventions.
22. The priority date of each of the GGS Patents is at least as early as July 31, 1999. As of the priority date, the inventions as claimed were novel, non-obvious, unconventional, and non-routine.
23. For example, and as evidence of the stated non-routine aspects of the inventions, during prosecution of the ’864 Patent, the patent examiner considered whether the claims of the ’864

Patent were eligible under 35 USC §101 in view of the United States Supreme Court's decision in *Alice*. The patent examiner affirmatively and expressly found that the claims are in fact patent eligible under 35 USC §101 because all pending claims are directed to patent-eligible subject matter, because none of the pending claims are directed to an abstract idea, and because there would be no preemption of the abstract idea or the field of the abstract idea.

24. GreatGigz Solutions, LLC alleges infringement on the part of Defendant of the '194 Patent and the '086 Patent (collectively as the "Asserted Patents").
25. The '194 Patent relates generally to an apparatus and method for providing recruitment information, including a memory device for Storing information regarding at least one of a job opening, a position, an assignment, a contract, and a project, and information regarding a job Search request, a processing device for processing information regarding the job Search request upon a detection of an occurrence of a Searching event, wherein the processing device utilizes information regarding the at least one of a job opening, a position, an assignment, a contract, and a project, Stored in the memory device, and further wherein the processing device generates a message containing information regarding at least one of a job opening, a position, an assignment, a contract, and a project, wherein the message is responsive to the job Search request, and a transmitter for transmitting the message to a communication device associated with an individual in real-time. *See* Abstract, '194 Patent.
26. The '086 Patent relates generally to an apparatus, including a memory device which stores information regarding a job opening, position, assignment, contract, or project, and information regarding a job search request or inquiry, a processing device which processing the information regarding a job search request or inquiry upon an automatic detection of an occurrence of a searching event which is an occurrence of a job posting, a posting of new or revised data or

information, a news release of a business event, an employment-related event, an economic report, industry-specific news, an event which creates an to fill a position, or an event which creates an interest to seek a position, and generates a message, containing the information regarding a job opening, position, assignment, contract, or project, responsive to the job search request or inquiry, and a transmitter which transmits the message to a communication device associated with an individual. *See* Abstract, '086 Patent.

27. As noted, the claims of the Asserted Patents claim priority to at least July 31, 1999.
28. The claims of the Asserted Patents are not drawn to laws of nature, natural phenomena, or abstract ideas. Although the systems and methods claimed in the Asserted Patents are ubiquitous now (and, as a result, are widely infringed), the specific combinations of elements, as recited in the claims, was not conventional or routine at the time of the invention.
29. Further, the claims of the Asserted Patents contain inventive concepts which transform the underlying non-abstract aspects of the claims into patent-eligible subject matter.
30. Consequently, the claims of the Asserted Patents recite systems and methods resulting in improved functionality of the claimed systems and represent technological improvements to the operation of computers.
31. The claims of the Asserted Patents overcome deficiencies existing in the art as of the date of invention, and comprise non-conventional approaches that transform the inventions as claimed into substantially more than mere abstract ideas. For example, as of the date of invention, “[j]ob searching activities and recruitment activities typically require efforts in introducing parties to one another, pre-screening the parties prior to, and/or subsequent to, an introduction, acting as an information gathering entity for a party, exchanging information in order to determine if a relationship is appropriate and/or desirable, negotiating a deal, and/or consummating a deal

between the respective parties. While individuals and/or employers and/or hiring entities can act on their own behalf during most of the process, one of the parties may typically enlist the efforts of an employment agency or agencies, a recruiter(s), a so-called ‘headhunter(s)’, an employment and/or career consultant(s), a temporary employment agency or agencies, a personal agent(s), a personal manager(s), and/or another intermediary or intermediaries, sometimes at great expense.” ’194 Patent at 1:59-2:6. The inventions as claimed overcome these deficiencies in the state of the art, and provide substantial cost savings to all parties. As explained, as of the date of invention, “[t]he enlistment of employment agencies, recruiters, so-called ‘headhunters’, employment and/or career consultants, temporary employment agencies, personal agents, personal managers, and/or other intermediaries, can be costly and can lead to job search efforts and/or recruitment efforts which may be limited in breadth and/or scope by the personal and/or individual contacts, limitations and/or constraints associated with the employment agency, recruiter, so-called ‘headhunter’, employment and/or career consultant, temporary employment agency, personal agent, personal manager, and/or other intermediary.” *Id.* at 2:7-17. As such, the inventions as claimed provide non-conventional solutions to the conventional problems of the day because the need for a costly middle-man in the process is overcome. *Id.* at 2:18-24; 6:45-55.

32. The inventions as claimed further overcome the deficiencies existing in the art as of the date of invention by removing barriers confronting many at the time. As explained, as of the date of invention, “[j]ob searching efforts and recruitment efforts may be limited by and/or be constrained by limited personal contacts, geographical constraints, monetary constraints, and/or time constraints. Oftentimes, individuals, employers and/or hiring entities, do not have the resources to conduct their own respective job searching efforts or recruitment efforts. The

enlistment of employment agencies, recruiters, so-called ‘headhunters’, employment and/or career consultants, temporary employment agencies, personal agents, personal managers, and/or other intermediaries, may not be sufficient to overcome these limitations and/or constraints, particularly, if the respective employment agency or agencies, recruiter(s), so-called ‘headhunter(s)’, employment and/or career consultant(s), temporary employment agency or agencies, personal agent(s), personal manager(s) and/or other intermediary or intermediaries, are working with similar limitations and/or constraints.” *Id.* at 2:26-42. As such, the inventions as claimed provide non-conventional solutions to the conventional problems of the day because the need for extensive personal contacts and geographical proximity are overcome.

33. The inventions as claimed further overcome the deficiencies existing in the art as of the date of invention by removing barriers confronting many at the time. As explained, as of the date of invention, “[t]he job search process and/or the recruitment process can typically be rendered more difficult in instances when additional information may be requested by one or by both of the parties concerning a counterpart. This typically results in time delays and/or additional expense to the party having to comply with such a request.” *Id.* at 2:43-48. As such, the inventions as claimed provide non-conventional solutions to the conventional problems of the day because the need for time-consuming delays is overcome.

34. The inventions as claimed further overcome the deficiencies existing in the art as of the date of invention by removing barriers confronting many at the time. As explained, as of the date of invention, “[j]ob searching efforts and/or recruitment efforts may further be rendered more difficult when the parties are not properly pre-screened, thereby resulting in wasted time and effort, and/or when the parties are not properly informed as to the needs and/or demands of a counterpart. The needs and/or demands can include job description, job needs, project

description, assignment description, salary, compensation, and/or other related information. The failure to pre-screen the parties and/or to conduct a dialog and/or initiate interviews and/or discussions when the parties may be so far apart regarding their respective needs, requests and/or expectations, for example, those involving job duties and/or salary, can result in wasted time and effort.” *Id.* at 2:49-61. As such, the inventions as claimed provide non-conventional solutions to the conventional problems of the day because the associated time and effort are reduced, resulting in more efficient processes and cost savings for all involved.

35. The inventions as claimed further overcome the deficiencies existing in the art as of the date of invention by removing barriers confronting many at the time. As explained, as of the date of invention, “[c]onfidentiality is typically another concern in job searching activities and/or in recruitment activities. Individuals, employees, and/or hiring entities may have an interest in, and/or a desire for, maintaining confidentiality during at least some initial stages of any job search and/or recruitment effort. In some instances, once an initial interest is expressed, any confidentiality which may have existed may be lost for the remainder of the process. Sometimes, it may be desirable for an individual, an employer and/or hiring entity, to retain at least some level of confidentiality and/or anonymity further into the job search and/or recruitment process. In this manner, at least some confidentiality and/or anonymity can be preserved, especially if a deal between the parties is not ultimately reached.” *Id.* at 2:62-3:8. As such, the inventions as claimed provide non-conventional solutions to the conventional problems of the day because the need for confidentiality in the process is enhanced. *See id.* at 6:59-65.
36. As noted above, during prosecution of the ’864 Patent, the patent examiner considered whether the claims of the ’864 Patent were eligible under 35 USC §101 in view of the United States Supreme Court’s decision in *Alice*. The patent examiner expressly found that the claims are in

fact patent eligible under 35 USC §101 because all pending claims are directed to patent-eligible subject matter, none of the pending claims are directed to an abstract idea, and there would be no preemption of the abstract idea or the field of the abstract idea. For these same reasons, all of the claims of the Asserted Patents are patent-eligible.

37. The '194 Patent was examined by Primary United States Patent Examiner Franz Colby. During the examination of the '194 Patent, the United States Patent Examiner searched for prior art in the following US Classifications: 705/1, 10, 11, 705/26, 707/104.1, 10, 3, and 103R.
38. After conducting a search for prior art during the examination of the '194 Patent, the United States Patent Examiner identified and cited the following as the most relevant prior art references found during the search: (i) 5,164,897, 11/1992, Clark et al.; (ii) 5,832,497, 11/1998, Taylor; (iii) 5,884,270, 3/1999, Walker et al.; (iv) 5,884,272, 3/1999, Walker et al.; (v) 5,978,768, 11/1999, McGovern et al.; (vi) 6,324,538, 11/2001, Wesinger, Jr. et al.; (vii) 6,332,125, 12/2001, Callen et al.; (viii) 6,363,376, 3/2002, Wiens et al.; (ix) 6,370,510, 4/2002, McGovern et al.; (x) 6,381,592, 4/2002, Reuning; and (xi) 6,385,620, 5/2002, Kurzius et al.
39. After giving full proper credit to the prior art and having conducted a thorough search for all relevant art and having fully considered the most relevant art known at the time, the United States Patent Examiner allowed all of the claims of the '194 Patent to issue. In so doing, it is presumed that Examiner Colby used his or her knowledge of the art when examining the claims. *K/S Himpp v. Hear-Wear Techs., LLC*, 751 F.3d 1362, 1369 (Fed. Cir. 2014). It is further presumed that Examiner Colby has experience in the field of the invention, and that the Examiner properly acted in accordance with a person of ordinary skill. *In re Sang Su Lee*, 277 F.3d 1338, 1345 (Fed. Cir. 2002).

40. The '194 Patent is a pioneering patent, and has been cited as relevant prior art in over 250 subsequent United States Patent Applications, including Applications Assigned to such technology leaders as Ricoh, Robert Half International, IBM, Yahoo!, Oracle, Amazon, Monster, and CareerBuilder.
41. The '086 Patent was examined by Primary United States Patent Examiner Jean M. Corriellus. During the examination of the '086 Patent, the United States Patent Examiner searched for prior art in the following US Classifications: 707/104.1, 707/3, 10, 103R, 1, 2, 4, 5, 705/1, 10, 11, and 705/26.
42. After conducting a search for prior art during the examination of the '086 Patent, the United States Patent Examiner identified and cited the following as the most relevant prior art references found during the search: (i) 4,625,081, 11/1986, Lotito et al.; (ii) 5,164,897, 11/1992, Clark et al.; (iii) 5,978,768, 11/1999, McGovern et al.; (iv) 6,370,510, 4/2002, McGovern et al.; (v) 6,381,592, 4/2002, Reuning; (vi) 6,385,620, 5/2002, Kurzius et al.; (vii) 6,567,784, 5/2003, Bukow; (viii) 6,662,194, 12/2003, Joao; (ix) 6,873,964, 3/2005, Williams et al.; (x) 7,148,991, 12/2006, Suzuki et al.; and (xi) 2003/020531, 6/2003, Parker.
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45. The claims of the Asserted Patents were all properly issued, and are valid and enforceable for the respective terms of their statutory life through expiration.

THE ACCUSED INSTRUMENTALITIES

46. Upon information and belief, Defendant Angie's List makes, sells, advertises, offers for sale, uses, or otherwise provides the Angie's List website and its ancillary sites, including its various Mobile Applications, in the United States. The Angie's List apparatus comprises servers, hardware, software, and a collection of related and/or linked web pages and mobile applications for providing job search and/or recruitment services to individuals (including job seekers, contractors, and employers) in the United States. The Angie's List system comprises an apparatus with multiple interconnected infrastructures that infringe the Asserted Patents. The public-facing aspect of the Angie's List apparatus is the Angie's List website, which is available at www.angieslist.com, together with the associated Angie's List Mobile Applications for Consumers and Contractors, respectively. Defendant Preeminent Contracting, LLC uses the Accused Instrumentalities to offer products and services in this District. Collectively, all of the foregoing comprises the "Accused Instrumentalities."

COUNT I
Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 6,662,194

47. Plaintiff incorporates the above paragraphs by reference.
48. Defendant Angie's List has been on actual notice of the '194 Patent at least as early as the date it received service of this Original Complaint.

49. On information and belief, Defendant owns and controls the operation of the Accused Instrumentalities and generates substantial financial revenues therefrom.
50. On information and belief, Defendant Angie's List has directly infringed and continues to directly infringe at least Claim 1 of the '194 Patent by making, using, importing, selling, and/or offering for sale the Accused Instrumentalities.
51. On information and belief, separately and in the alternative, Defendant Preeminent Contracting uses the Accused Instrumentalities, and is a direct infringer.
52. On information and belief, separately and in the alternative, Defendants together in concert as a joint enterprise, have and continue to use the Accused Instrumentalities, and such joint enterprise is a direct infringer.
53. The Accused Instrumentalities comprise an apparatus for providing recruitment information. The infringing apparatus comprises servers, hardware, software, and a collection of related and/or linked web pages and mobile applications for providing recruitment information and services to individuals (including individuals, independent contractors, temporary workers, and/or freelancers) in the United States. On information and belief, the Accused Instrumentalities comprise an apparatus with multiple interconnected infrastructures, including but not limited to multiple data centers, hosted by its partner Akamai Technologies, Inc.

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- Datacenter: Akamai Technologies, Inc.
- Server IP: 23.32.162.87
- Location: United States of America
- City: New York
- Domain Who Is: [Click Here](#)
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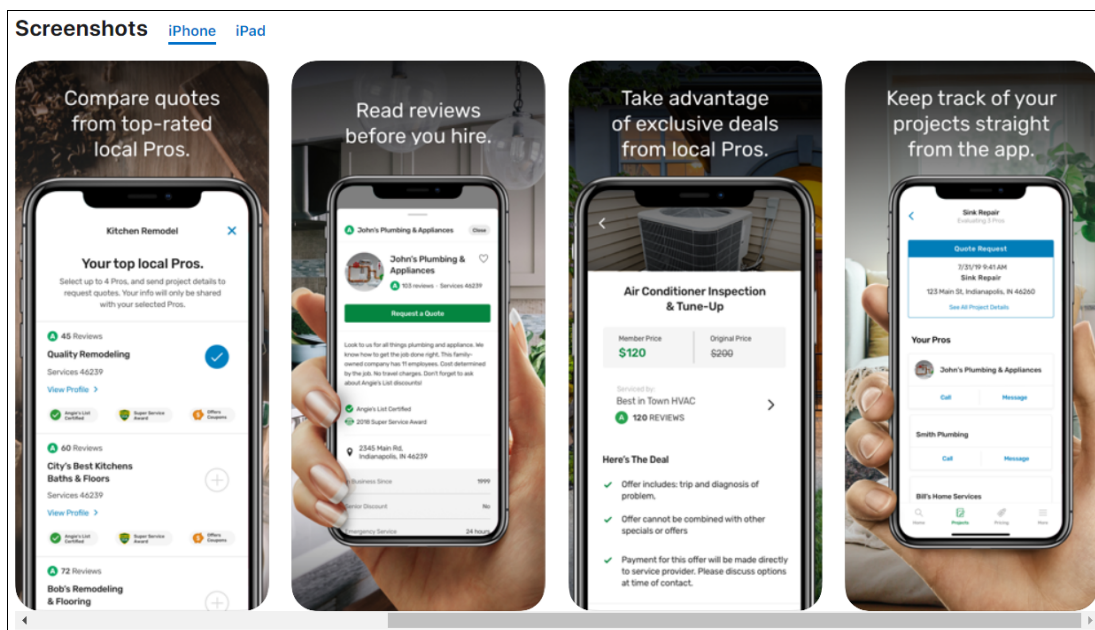
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See <https://www.akamai.com/us/en/about/news/press/2019-press/akamai-to-power-dallas-data-center-with-sustainable-energy.jsp>

54. On information and belief, the infringing Angie's List apparatus comprises the Scala, Spark, Akka, Kafka, and Play Framework. See <https://www.47deg.com/blog/angies-list-tech-news/>

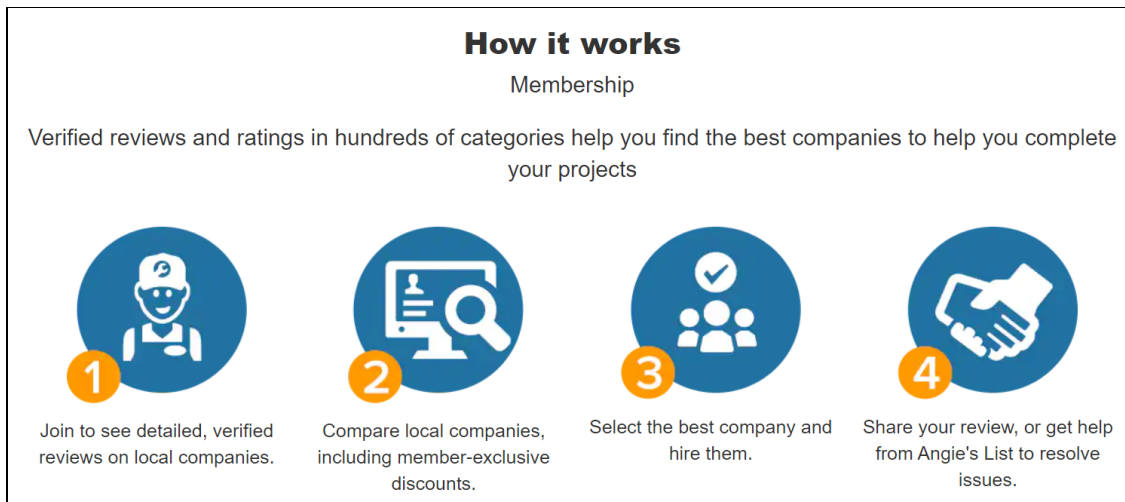
55. On information and belief, the Angie's List Accused Instrumentalities comprises data centers housing servers, memory devices, processing devices, receivers, and transmitters.
56. On information and belief, the Angie's List Accused Instrumentalities comprise a memory device, which stores information regarding at least job openings, positions, assignments, contracts, and/or projects. Such information is collected from users whenever they use the Angie's List apparatus to seek out a contractor or service provider. On information and belief, Angie's List refers to such queries collectively as "Service Requests." See, e.g., Angie's List Customer Agreement, available at: <https://vault.pactsafe.io/s/a84ad12b-7245-4a12-9fc5-2011a3bf4d62/legal.html#contract-bjq4r3d6f>



See <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/angies-list/id389294696>

57. On information and belief, individual users of the Angie's List apparatus submit Service Requests relating to projects for which they are seeking qualified applicants (contractors and/or service providers), and the Angie's List apparatus uses the input to notify relevant contractors.

The contractors have the option of expressing interest in accepting the open employment position or opportunity by preparing a bid for products or services for the user to consider.



See <https://www.angieslist.com/how-it-works.htm>

58. On information and belief, the Angie’s List apparatus has two levels of service available to consumer users: free and paid. On information and belief, the free service allows users to enter the Angie’s List “Request Funnel,” which is a means by which Angie’s List collects information from the user/employer concerning the Search Request, and then delivers an alert to the relevant contractors/workers based on Angie’s List matching of the skills and interests of such contractors/workers to the open position/opportunity.

“Non-members (Homeowners) who visit the Angie’s List website and elect NOT to sign up for membership are sent through a service request funnel. Their information, as non-members, is then sent to HomeAdvisor advertisers as a lead. HomeAdvisor companies are calling these homeowners and paying to do so as they are considered leads.” – Jessica Blalack, Senior Solutions Consultant at Angie’s List

See <https://www.adaptdigitalsolutions.com/blog/homeadvisor-vs-angieslist-vs-houzz-vs-porch-vs-thumbtack-vs-yelp-vs-bark/#angies>

59. On information and belief, the Angie’s List memory device further stores information regarding contractors’ individual search requests, which comprise profiles and business contact preferences

for contractors and other service providers who make use of the Angie's List apparatus. On information and belief, the search request submitted by each contractor or service provider comprises such information as contact information, location, and service category. By signing up with Angie's List as a contractor or service provider, the contractor or service provider submits a search request for leads to be generated that are pertinent to the contractor's specific skillset.

Start your business profile
This is what Angie's List members will see.

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This is how members will contact you:

First Name **Last Name**

bob davis

Phone Number

(214) 755-1234

Business Name

Contractor, Inc.

Zip Code

75002

Primary Service Category (eg: Roofing)

Remodeling - General

Cancel **Add Business**

Already have an account? [Sign In](#)

See <https://office.angieslist.com/app/join/>

Create your account
This is what you will use to access your business account

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Additional Business and Personal Information:

First Name **Last Name**

Business Name

Address

City **State** **Zip Code**

Email

Please enter a valid email address

Create a Password
Your password should be at least 10 characters

Password

Confirm Password

I agree to [Service Provider's User Agreement](#) and [Privacy Policy](#)

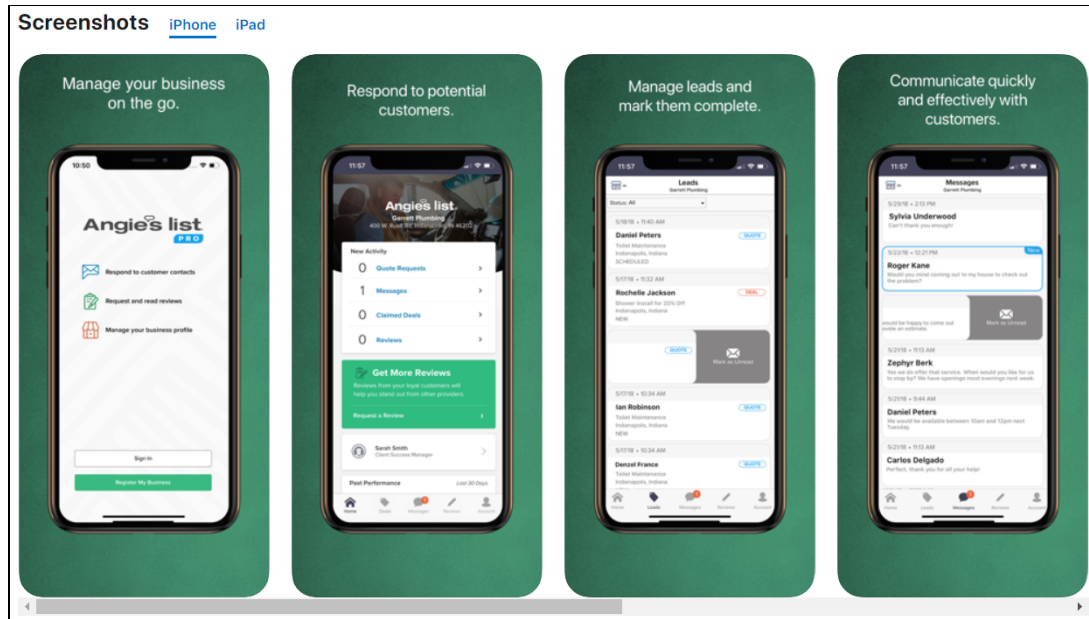
I'd like to receive special email offers and discounts

See <https://office.angieslist.com/app/join/?step=2>

60. On information and belief, the Angie's List Accused Instrumentalities comprise a processor for processing the aforementioned information upon the occurrence of a searching event, which

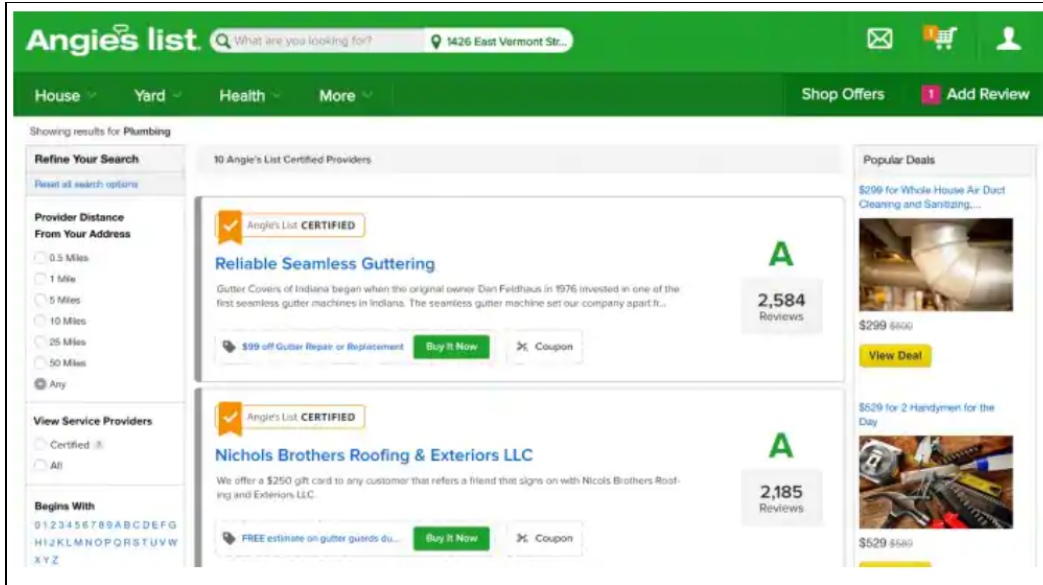
occurs, for example, when the individual user of the Angie's List apparatus submits a Service Request.

61. As noted, the Angie's List apparatus comprises a transmitter, which causes messages concerning the Service Request to be delivered to the relevant contractors and/or service providers in real-time.



See <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/angies-list-pro/id834679691>

62. Once the user receives the proposals from the contractor/service providers through Angie's List, the user is able to retain the services of the contractor/service provider, and then perform a Verified Review of the contractor/service provider on the Angie's List portal. Such reviews are maintained by Angie's List, and are used to rate or grade the contractor/service provider. Users are also able to read the reviews for each contractor/service provider.
63. Angie's List also performs background checks on contractors/service providers, and maintains such information. On information and belief, contractors/service providers who have successful and/or positive background checks are tagged by Angie's List as "Angie's List Certified."



See <https://www.angieslist.com/faq/how-companies-are-displayed-angie-s-list-certified-providers-super-service-award-winners/>

64. The foregoing infringement on the part of Defendant has caused injury to Plaintiff. The amount of damages adequate to compensate for the infringement shall be determined at trial but is in no event less than a reasonable royalty from the date of first infringement to the expiration of the '194 Patent.
65. Each of Defendants' aforesaid activities have been without authority and/or license from Plaintiff.
66. Defendants have each been on notice of infringement of the '194 Patent at least as early as the date each received service of the Original Complaint and/or this First Amended Complaint in this matter. As such, to the extent each Defendant continues its infringing activity post-notice, then all such activity is necessarily willful and deliberate.
67. On information and belief, each Defendant has a policy or practice of not reviewing the patents of others. Further on information and belief, each Defendant instructs its employees to not

review the patents of others for clearance or to assess infringement thereof. As such, each Defendant has been willfully blind to the patent rights of Plaintiff.

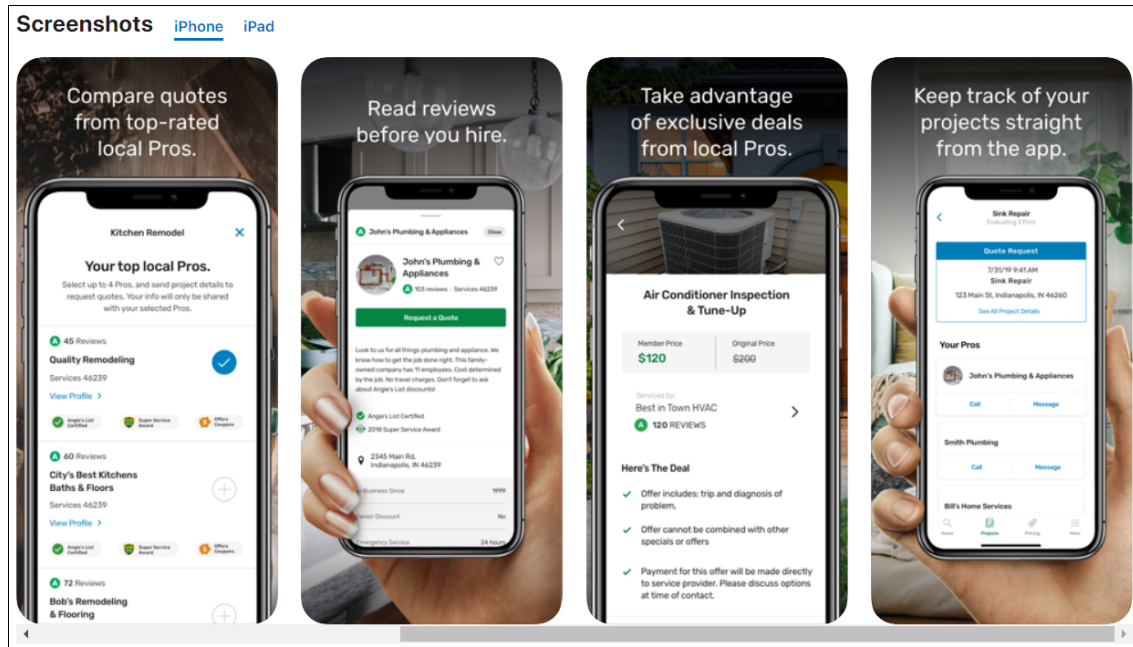
68. Based on the foregoing, Plaintiff requests an award enhanced damages, including treble damages, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284.
69. Defendants have jointly and severally entered into and formed a joint enterprise for the purpose of exploiting and profiting from the sale and use of the Accused Instrumentalities, as detailed herein.
70. On information and belief, the Defendants have together entered into an express or implied agreement to exploit and profit from the sale and use of the Accused Instrumentalities. On information and belief, Defendants generate revenues, business goodwill, and market share, which bolsters their respective reputations and ability to generate sales to other customers in this District.
71. On information and belief, the actions of the Defendants were carried out in furtherance of the common purpose of exploiting and profiting from the use of Accused Instrumentalities in this District.
72. On information and belief, the actions of the Defendants complained of herein benefit Defendants and, as such, exhibits a common pecuniary interest (including but not limited to revenues, goodwill, market share, and sales advantage) among the Defendants.
73. On information and belief, each of the Defendants are sophisticated parties and entered into agreements such that each Defendant exercises control of the use of the accused instrumentalities.

COUNT II
Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 7,490,086

74. Plaintiff incorporates the above paragraphs by reference.

75. Defendant has been on actual notice of the '086 Patent at least as early as the date it received service of this Original Complaint.
76. Upon information and belief, Defendant owns and controls the operation of the Accused Instrumentalities and generates substantial financial revenues therefrom.
77. On information and belief, Defendant has directly infringed and continues to directly infringe at least Claim 18 of the '086 Patent by making, using, importing, selling, and/or, offering for sale the Accused Instrumentalities.
78. On information and belief, separately and in the alternative, Defendant Preeminent Contracting uses the Accused Instrumentalities, and is a direct infringer.
79. On information and belief, separately and in the alternative, Defendants together in concert as a joint enterprise, have and continue to use the Accused Instrumentalities, and such joint enterprise is a direct infringer.
80. The Accused Instrumentalities comprise an apparatus for providing recruitment information. The infringing apparatus comprises servers, hardware, software, and a collection of related and/or linked web pages and mobile applications for providing recruitment information and services to individuals (including individuals, independent contractors, temporary workers, and/or freelancers) in the United States. On information and belief, the Accused Instrumentalities comprise an apparatus with multiple interconnected infrastructures, including but not limited to multiple data centers, hosted by its partner Akamai Technologies, Inc. *See* above.
81. On information and belief, the infringing Angie's List apparatus comprises the Scala, Spark, Akka, Kafka, and Play Framework. *See* above.

82. Upon information and belief, the Angie's List Accused Instrumentalities comprises data centers housing servers, memory devices, processing devices, receivers, and transmitters.
83. The Angie's List Accused Instrumentalities comprise a memory device, which stores information regarding individuals available for applying for a job opportunity or hiring need. On information and belief, the Angie's List memory device stores information concerning contractors and service providers who are available and willing to accept assignments within the Angie's List network. Each such contractor/service provider, on information and belief, is employed by the Angie's List end-user as an Independent Contractor to perform specific, defined tasks for the benefit of the end-user. *See above.*
84. On information and belief, the Angie's List Accused Instrumentalities provide a hierarchical listing of available contractors/service providers, based on, *inter alia*: (i) consumer ranking; (ii) Angie's List ranking; and (iii) amount of money paid to Angie's List by the contractor/service provider.
85. The Angie's List Accused Instrumentalities comprise a processing device which automatically detects searching events, which occur when a user of the Angie's List apparatus completes a Service Request. Each such Service Request comprises a job posting for Angie's List contractors/service providers, and otherwise comprises an event which creates an interest in an individual (the contractor/service provider) to seek and accept the position. *See above.*
86. The Angie's List Accused Instrumentalities comprise a processing device which generates a message containing information regarding the contractors/service providers to the user in response to the Service Request. Such message includes, *inter alia*, the name and contact information for the relevant contractors/service providers.



See <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/angies-list/id389294696>

87. The foregoing infringement on the part of Defendants has caused injury to Plaintiff. The amount of damages adequate to compensate for the infringement shall be determined at trial but is in no event less than a reasonable royalty from the date of first infringement to the expiration of the '086 Patent.
88. Each of Defendants' aforesaid activities have been without authority and/or license from Plaintiff.
89. Defendants have each been on notice of its infringement of the '086 Patent at least as early as the date it received service of the Original Complaint and/or this First Amended Complaint in this matter. As such, to the extent each Defendant continues its infringing activity post-notice, then all such activity is necessarily willful and deliberate.
90. On information and belief, each Defendant has a policy or practice of not reviewing the patents of others. Further on information and belief, each Defendant instructs its employees to not

review the patents of others for clearance or to assess infringement thereof. As such, each Defendant has been willfully blind to the patent rights of Plaintiff.

91. Based on the foregoing, Plaintiff requests an award enhanced damages, including treble damages, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284.
92. Defendants have jointly and severally entered into and formed a joint enterprise for the purpose of exploiting and profiting from the sale and use of the accused instrumentalities, as detailed herein.
93. On information and belief, the Defendants have together entered into an express or implied agreement to exploit and profit from the sale and use of the accused instrumentalities.
94. On information and belief, Defendants generate revenues, business goodwill, and market share, which bolsters their respective reputations and ability to generate sales to other customers in this District.
95. On information and belief, the actions of the Defendants were carried out in furtherance of the common purpose of exploiting and profiting from the use of accused instrumentalities in this District.
96. On information and belief, the actions of the Defendants complained of herein benefit Defendants and, as such, exhibits a common pecuniary interest (including but not limited to revenues, goodwill, market share, and sales advantage) among the Defendants.
97. On information and belief, each of the Defendants are sophisticated parties and entered into agreements such that each Defendant exercises control of the use of the accused instrumentalities.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, GreatGigz Solutions, LLC respectfully requests the Court enter judgment against Defendants as follows:

1. Declaring that Defendants have infringed each of the Asserted Patents;
2. Awarding GreatGigz Solutions, LLC its damages suffered because of Defendants' infringement of the Asserted Patents;
3. Awarding GreatGigz Solutions, LLC its damages suffered because of Defendant Angie's List willful infringement of the Asserted Patents;
4. Awarding GreatGigz Solutions, LLC its costs, attorneys' fees, expenses, and interest;
5. Awarding GreatGigz Solutions, LLC ongoing post-trial royalties; and
6. Granting GreatGigz Solutions, LLC such further relief as the Court finds appropriate.

JURY DEMAND

GreatGigz Solutions, LLC demands trial by jury, under Fed. R. Civ. P. 38.

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