

My fellow inventors, yes *you* can.

Our struggling economy is being fed by the doubts and fears of the masses. We are experiencing extraordinary times but these times are also producing new extraordinary opportunities. Millions of people are looking to make a comeback. Many have ideas that can be converted into real money.

We have witnessed past great economic downturns out of which, great Americans have proved their determination and desire to not only survive but to thrive. Most of those great Americans were inventors – like you. Many started with no resources or connections, but with a vision and an all encompassing desire to succeed, driven by persistent determination. If you can't see yourself rich you never will be.

One of our personal greatest gifts is our own creativity. With it we can imagine solutions to every problem that faces us. An imaginative person with a creative new solution and an inextinguishable desire to succeed in this country...can succeed. But it takes more than dreaming or wishing, it requires putting your ideas into action.

With limited resources and energy, the effort to put ideas into action should be as efficient as possible. This is where experience helps. This is where nationally the UIA, locally the SDIF, CONNECT and Octane come in. Groups such as ours exist to support inventors and to guide them toward becoming successful entrepreneurs through education, motivation and by creating networking opportunities within in their business sectors. You can't do it alone and you don't have to. Many here are willing to help.

Everything mankind has ever accomplished or ever will begins with an idea. Great or small, all inventions begin with an idea. The next step is to capture the idea and begin reviewing it for its potential. Is it producible? Do others see its need and value? Can it be made and sold profitably? Is it unique? Is it worth enough to me to spend my time and effort? Who and what do I need to accomplish my goal for this idea? This simple review will kick-start your confidence and put you on the right path to creating a plan that will help you to succeed.

Capturing an idea takes just a simple sketch. That sketch gets more refined and becomes a set of drawings. Those drawings become a pattern or plan. That pattern or plan becomes the basis for your first hand-built model or illustration...which is the next step to seeing your idea become reality.

Give your idea and yourself a chance. You are the master of your fate. Don't rely on the government or others to make your life better. We the people, not the government or the media, are the masters of our socioeconomic status. Try, attempt, strive and believe in prosperity. Turn your fear into hope. Turn hope into action. Turn downturn into new beginnings. Be inventive, bold and don't be fearful. You *can* invent your great new life and help your country be great at the same time. You *can* be a great American success story.

You *can* be an American Inventor.

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