

ENTERPRISING RURAL FAMILIES INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INVENTORY

Intellectual property may be of nebulous value to the owner. However, recognizing and protecting your intellectual property is important, as loss of these items may severely cripple the operations of the business.

List below the property belonging to the business in each category. In order for it to be actual property it must be protected in some way. List where or how each item is protected from use by competitors. For example, a patent must be registered with the U.S. Patent Office to be your property and protected. Also, some protections, such as patents, expire. If applicable, list the time remaining in which the item will remain protected.

Lastly, make an estimate of the value of the property to your business. If it was lost to a competitor what would the cost be to the company to operate without it or replace it with an alternative.

[If you have more than one item under any category please list on additional sheets.]

ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME

What is your business name? _____

Registered with the state department of commerce? _____

Value? _____

TRADEMARK

Trademark _____

Registered with the U.S. Trademark Office? _____

Registered with state Trademark Office? _____

How many years left in the registration (20 max.)? _____

Value? _____

COPYRIGHT

Material copyrighted _____

Term "copyrighted" or "©" noted on document? _____

Registered with the U.S. Register of Copyrights? _____

Years remaining (if author is deceased, up to 50 years after death)?

Value? _____

PATENT

Invention or process patented _____

Registered with the U.S. Patent Office? _____

How many years remaining in the registration (17 max.)? _____

Is this patent licensed for use by someone else? _____

If so, who? _____

Fee received: _____

Value? _____

TRADE SECRETS/CUSTOMER LISTS

Trade Secret/Customer List _____

Is this secret/list protected from employee theft by an employment

agreement? _____ Is this secret/list protected from

competitor theft by non-disclosure agreements with companies with

which you must do business? _____ Is this

secret/list protected from theft by past owners of the business by a

non-competition agreement? _____

Value? _____