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Abstract (en)  
A method for determining a final leading price offer for a good using an auction center and a plurality of cellular telephones of a plurality of users, wherein each of said plurality of cellular telephones is assigned to one of said plurality of users, and wherein each of said plurality of cellular telephones has a telephone number, comprising the following steps: a) sending a bidding invitation for said good from said auction center to said plurality of cellular telephones, b) informing said plurality of users about said bidding invitation for said good by means of an acoustical or optical display function of said plurality of cellular telephones, c) returning from at least one of said plurality of cellular telephones price offers for said good to said auction center in response to said bidding invitation on demand of at least one of said plurality of users, d) registering in said auction center each of said price offers and the arrival time at said auction center for each of said price offers, e) determining a present leading price offer for said good by identifying the highest of said price offers having the earliest arrival time at said auction center, f) communicating said present leading price offer to said plurality of cellular telephones, g) repeating at least the above steps c) to f) until a closing criterion is reached, and h) fixing a final leading price offer, which is identical with said present leading price offer which was last determined in a repetition of step e) before said closing criterion was reached.

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