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[origin: WO0197067A2] The invention is directed to systems and techniques for capturing and evaluating ideas in a widely distributed organization, such as a global corporation. The invention allows the organization to define a hierarchical evaluation process for identifying ideas having the highest potential for success. The evaluation system includes a database to store a description and a current stage for each idea. In addition, the database stores configuration data that defines the number of evaluation stages and corresponding evaluation criteria for each stage. During evaluation, a web server generates an evaluation screen as a function of the current stage of the idea. Evaluation software executes in an operating environment of the web server and selects one or more evaluators at each stage as a function of the evaluator's area of expertise. The ideas propagate through the various evaluation stages based on whether the evaluators approve or reject the idea.

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