

Louis J. Foreman

Louis Foreman is founder and Chief Executive of Enventys (www.enventys.com), an integrated product design and engineering firm. He is also CEO of Edison Nation (www.EdisonNation.com). Louis graduated from The University of Illinois with a Bachelors of Science degree in Economics. His interest in starting businesses and developing innovative products began while a sophomore with his first company founded in his fraternity room. Over the past 20 years Louis has created 9 successful start-ups and has been directly responsible for the creation of over 20 others. A prolific inventor, he is the inventor of 10 registered US Patents, and his firm is responsible for the development and filing of well over 500 more.



The recipient of numerous awards for entrepreneurial achievement, his passion for small business extends beyond his own companies. Louis is an adjunct professor of Entrepreneurship and Innovation, teaching at Queens University and Belmont Abby College. He received the 2007 Instructor Achievement Award for his teaching at Central Piedmont Community College, and in 2009 was recognized by the National Museum of Education for his *Distinguished Contributions to Education*. In 2009, Louis was named *Entrepreneur in Residence* at The McColl School of Business at Queens University. He is a frequent lecturer and radio / TV guest on the topics of small business creation and innovation, and is frequently invited by the United States Patent and Trademark Office and national trade associations to be a featured speaker on the topic of innovation.

In addition to being an inventor, Louis is also committed to inspiring others to be innovative. Louis is the creator of the Emmy® Award winning PBS TV show, *Everyday Edisons*, and serves as the Executive Producer and lead judge. The show is in its fourth season and appears nationally on PBS. In 2007, Louis became the publisher of *Inventors Digest*, a 25 year old publication devoted to the topic of American Innovation. In 2009, his first book, *The Independent Inventor's Handbook*, was published by Workman Publishing.

In 2010, he was elected to the boards of the Intellectual Property Owners Education Foundation (IPO) and The United Inventors Association (UIA). He is co-chairman of the NC Institute for Emerging Issues Business Committee on Creativity. He also serves as a Director of the James Dyson Foundation, and the Entrepreneurial Leadership Council at Queens University.

In 2008, Louis was appointed by United States Secretary of Commerce Carlos M. Gutierrez to serve for a three year term on the nine-person Patent Public Advisory Committee of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. In 2011, he was appointed by Secretary Gary Locke to serve an additional three year term. The Committee was created by Congress in 1999 to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office on matters relating to the policies, goals, performance, budget, and user fees of the patent operation.