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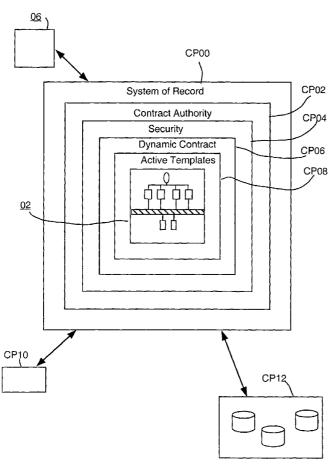
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(57) Abstract: An automated system of record (CP00) is disclosed which is established by a sponsor (06) to create and administer a sponsored community for participants such as customers and suppliers. The invention allows participants to use an automated negotiations engine (02) for iterative, multivariate negotiations to store each set of terms proposed at each iteration to form the basis of the system of record (CP00). The present invention also allows the automated negotiations engine (02) to be used to propose and negotiate specifications, prototypes, and implementations of other systems. The contact authority (CP02) of the invention assigns a unique identifier to each negotiated transaction and enables the participants to use that number to track all activities against the transaction for analysis and reporting A multiple repository (CP12) feature purposes. enables users to maintain the non-repudiation data for transactions in which they participate at one or more locations they designed.

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