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Subject: CrowdSpring or 99designs like bidding site for 3D modelers and product engineers?

Posted by [Lascar](#) on Thu, 17 Jan 2013 03:11:57 GMT

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Hello, everybody.

I've been working on a product idea which lands itself very nicely with 3DP process. However I'm facing some engineering challenges.

Does any one know of a site/service similar to 99designs bidding system only for professional 3D printed products modelers/engineers? Google does not seem to be helpful.

Also, I'm curious if there were such a place - how useful would that be to this community? If you have 10 seconds, I'd appreciate you taking the attached poll.

Thank you guys.

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3D modeling bit site(total votes: 5)

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I'd use it for every job 2/(40%)

Would be nice for price and complexity discovery 0/(0%)

I prefer to work with specific company design departments 0/(0%)

I'm my own modeler and product creator 2/(40%)

Using simple forum/email/classifieds is good enough 1/(20%)

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Subject: Re: CrowdSpring or 99designs like bidding site for 3D modelers and product engineers?

Posted by [Tjsolo](#) on Thu, 17 Jan 2013 03:38:47 GMT

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Let me know if you find a site

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Subject: Re: CrowdSpring or 99designs like bidding site for 3D modelers and product engineers?

Posted by [Tjsolo](#) on Fri, 18 Jan 2013 02:23:27 GMT

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Subject: Re: CrowdSpring or 99designs like bidding site for 3D modelers and product engineers?

Posted by [el\\_Lopez](#) on Fri, 18 Jan 2013 22:17:40 GMT

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PeoplePerHour

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Subject: Re: CrowdSpring or 99designs like bidding site for 3D modelers and product engineers?

Posted by [codexehow](#) on Sun, 20 Jan 2013 14:06:41 GMT

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It wouldn't work. 3D modelling takes too long to do on spec.

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Subject: Re: CrowdSpring or 99designs like bidding site for 3D modelers and product engineers?

Posted by [Tjsolo](#) on Sun, 20 Jan 2013 18:01:57 GMT

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I disagree, I have done a few on specs, calculate the time I think it will take me to do it, and charge that way.

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Subject: Re: CrowdSpring or 99designs like bidding site for 3D modelers and product engineers?

Posted by [codexehow](#) on Sun, 20 Jan 2013 21:09:16 GMT

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What I mean is, no one is going to do 3D modelling in the 99designs format. No one is going to spend 6-12 hours on a model when dozens of other people are building the same model for the change at the same prize. It's silly.

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Posted by [Tjsolo](#) on Sun, 20 Jan 2013 21:17:29 GMT

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True, to a point. Depending on the model and its difficulty I am sure some wouldn't but I do it. and it pays off Elance is the best site I think. there are now like 30 or 50 jobs posted a day for 3d modeling .. If its a simple one , I will bid on it. usually the ones that wanted something modeled to be print ready.

So its already being done. And maybe its just me, I can can actually create a 3d model a lot faster than creating a 2d image in photoshop. so for me its worth it.

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Subject: Re: CrowdSpring or 99designs like bidding site for 3D modelers and product engineers?

Posted by [FabMeJewelry](#) on Fri, 25 Jan 2013 17:51:22 GMT

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I think it would work just fine.

About 75% of the 3DPrinted models are designed in a few hours while thinking up a good design often takes much more time.

For a designer with enough experience it won't be that difficult to calculate the time it would take to design something and see if it's worth it.

I see it as a contest just like the iphone5 contest here on shapeways, many have designed the same thing and only a few get sales.

Who dous'nt like competing with others? it's all we do in life !

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Subject: Re: CrowdSpring or 99designs like bidding site for 3D modelers and product engineers?

Posted by [codexehow](#) on Fri, 25 Jan 2013 17:56:38 GMT

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What a silly thing to say. 3D models take hours and hours to produce, especially if you expect them to print faithfully. If you're thinking of getting anything sculpted in Zbrush by a real artist, forget about it.

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What you will get with a site like that is a bunch of 3D artist wannabes. Yes, people will do it, but the work will be sub-par. Have you ever seen those free 3D model download sites? That's the quality that this will attract. No professional is going to waste their time in what amounts to a crap-shoot contest.

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Subject: Re: CrowdSpring or 99designs like bidding site for 3D modelers and product engineers?

Posted by [Tjsolo](#) on Fri, 25 Jan 2013 18:03:36 GMT

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Look at some of the things in my shop. yes some took hours to create while others just an hour. The software, or software's that I use make them print ready with a few clicks after modeling. Sorry but I have made plenty of money and still doing so and all my clients are happy with what they get. Like I said yes some models take hours, sometimes days depending on the complexity. I mentioned that before. But there are a lot more that I can get done in say an hours time. Maybe I m just that good

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Posted by [Tjsolo](#) on Fri, 25 Jan 2013 18:04:57 GMT

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Maybe you need to update the software you are using, just a thought

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