

Abstract**Method for Obtaining Prices for Goods and Services**

5 A method for a bidding system to obtain prices for products, the method including
receiving data from a consumer machine, the data relating to a product of a product
category, bids being required for the product; determining all registered merchants
registered for product category; sending an alert to machines of all registered
merchants; receiving bids from at least one registered merchant; ranking the
received bids according to ranking criteria; and supplying at least some of the
10 ranked bids to the consumer machine.

Figure 2

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