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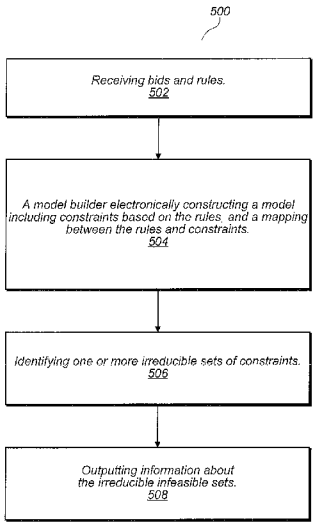


FIG. 5

(57) Abstract: Systems, apparatuses, and methods for providing feedback in an electronic sourcing system. A system is configured to receive bids from users in an electronic sourcing system. Additionally, the system receives one or more rules from the users that describe desired properties of an award of one or more items. Responsive to such input, the system builds a model based at least in part on rules provided by one or more users. If one or more irreducible infeasible sets of constraints are identified in the model, where the one or more sets of irreducible infeasible constraints include the given constraint, information based on said one or more irreducible infeasible sets is output.

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