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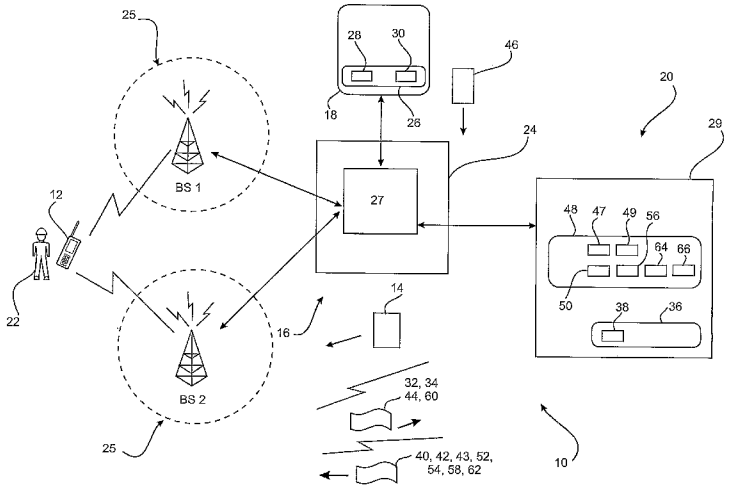
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(54) **Title:** GAMING SYSTEM AND METHOD



(57) **Abstract:** A gaming system (10) comprising communications means (12) operated by a player (22), a games facilitator (20), and an invoicing means (18), independent of the games facilitator (20), for invoicing the player (22) for participating in the game. When the games facilitator (20) receives a first communication message (44) sent via the communications means (12) over a communications network (16) from the player (22),containing a set of game entry information, the invoicing means (18) is notified of the first communication message (44) by the communications network (16) or the games facilitator (20) and generates a game participation invoice having a unique invoice identifier (46) and communicates the unique invoice identifier (46) to the games facilitator (20) and the player (22)., The games facilitator (20) enters the player (22) in the game, associates the player's game entry with the unique invoice identifier (46), compares the set of game entry information with a set of winning criteria to is determine a winner and sends a second communication message (58) containing winning information to a winner.

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