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4,997

Scientists, engineers, and professional staff



2,886

U.S. and foreign patents since 1965



1,280

Peer-reviewed, published articles



340

Inventions



\$1.1B

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\$530M

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