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Mantador inventor Bob Heitkamp recently traveled to the East Coast to introduce his product, the Site Saver, to the TV program "Everyday Edisons."

About a month ago, Heitkamp received a notice that he had been selected as one of the top 25 finalists to appear on



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Inventor a finalist for PBS show

Heitkamp's invention is an IV protection device. The product is used to hold IV lines into place to prevent needles from falling or being pulled out of place and causing irritation. Heitkamp came up with the idea when he was in the hospital himself and was bothered by the IV in his hand. The invention has already won multiple awards.

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"Everyday Edisons" is a program on PBS that originally started in 2007 and will be entering into it's fifth season. Heitkamp has not yet received word if he will be one of the final 10 that will appear in the program.

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out to Charlotte, N.C., for an audition to present his invention.

Both producers of the show and judges assessed his device at the studio where the series is filmed, Heitkamp mentioned that the presentation "went pretty well." Heitkamp was chosen to be in the top 25 after originally submitting his profile on [EdisonNation.com](#), a website that helps inventors around the world get their ideas and innovations noticed.

During his time in North Carolina, Heitkamp also got to meet other inventors, including Brad and Melinda Shepard who invented the "Gyro Bowl," and Betsy Kaufman who came up with "Eggies." He also got the chance to speak with the other 24 finalists. Heitkamp said that there were "a lot of great inventors" at the audition and that they were "all pretty special people."

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the show. When he first found out, Heitkamp said he was both excited and "a bit surprised." On Sept. 14 he was flown

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