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Subject: Answers to some of the Questions

1. Should the USPTO proceed with any efforts to enhance applicant control of the timing of examination?

Yes, This will be a major milestone in overhaul of the current patent processing system.

3. Taking into account possible efficiency concerns associated with providing too many examination tracks, should more than three tracks be provided?

I would recommend adding a fourth track "Urgent Patent", this track should have a large fee and should also guarantee processing (including denial or approval) of entire application *within 6 months*. This will benefit investor backed startup, so that they will be able to secure their IP before the launch of the product. Currently, startups have to proceed with patent pending status which is far from ideal and leads to future legal woes.

Thanks,
Concerned Citizen