Elijah J. McCoy Satellite Office
Detroit

- Scheduled: July 2012
- 100 ‘IP Experienced’ Patent Examiners to be hired in first year of operation
- Office will have a Patent Board of Appeals Presence
- First of Three planned Satellite Offices—Future Locations tbd
Patents Nationwide Workforce

300 River Place, Detroit
Key Dates

- **Detroit Office Timeline**
  - January 2012: Sign lease for Detroit space (Complete)
  - February/March 2012: Post vacancy announcement for Electrical & Mechanical examiners
  - July 2012: EOD – 1st class of 25 IPex
Future Offices

• The Satellite Office Selection Team has one primary goal:
  – To provide highly objective recommendations to the Under Secretary and Deputy Under Secretary on the best locations for two USPTO Satellite Offices.
The criteria the team will use focuses on those outlined by Congress in the *America Invents Act* including:

- Applicant Outreach
- Recruitment
- Retention
- Economic Impact on the Community
- Geographic Diversity

- Stated goals of backlog reduction and improved quality captured in submeasures related to the above categories
- Additionally, the team will consider operational cost to the Agency in making its recommendation.
Timeline

- September 2011—Team Selected to Methodology Development
- November 29, 2012—Federal Register Notice Published
- November 2011 – January 2012, Methodology Developed
- January 31, 2012—Notice and Comment period closes (over 500 comments received)
- February 2012—Contract to Clean and Baseline Data awarded
- March 2012—Team begins analysis
- May 2012—Team Recommendation to Management
Thank You