

Patent Public Advisory Committee Quarterly Meeting

USPTO Budget Update



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FY 2014

Full year appropriations bill signed January 17, 2014

⇒ USPTO is funded at \$3,024M

- \$90.8M or 3.1% above FY 2013 enacted level (\$238.3M or 8.6% above FY 2013 sequestration level)

⇒ USPTO is required to report on fee collections, hires, pendency, backlog, and Patent's End-to-End

⇒ The FY 2014 budget supports:

- 1,000 patent examiner hires
- 63 administrative patent judges
- Continued funding toward opening satellite offices in San Jose, CA, Denver, CO, and Dallas, TX



FY 2014

- ⇒ Fee collections through December 31, 2013 are \$847.6M
 - Patents: \$780.3M, Trademarks: \$67.3M
- ⇒ Year to Date spending through December 31, 2013 is \$793.8M
 - Patents: \$714.3M, Trademarks: \$79.5M
- ⇒ End of year spending is projected to be \$2,947.5M
 - Patents: \$2,655.9M, Trademarks: \$291.6M



FY 2015 Budget

- ⇒ The budget draft has been submitted to OMB and PPAC/TPAC with comments due mid February
- ⇒ The final document will be released to OMB and DOC by the end of February
- ⇒ The White House will release the FY 2015 President's Budget on March 4, 2014; Congressional Justification for USPTO will be submitted to Congress on March 11, 2014
- ⇒ The budget will include the following FY 2015 targets:
 - Average First Action Pendency: 15.7 months
 - Average Total Pendency: 26.4 months



2014 – 2018 Strategic Plan

- ⇒ Draft documents were released to OMB and PPAC/TPAC at the end of December 2013
- ⇒ The final Strategic Plan will be publicly released at the same time as the USPTO's FY 2015 Congressional Justification: March 11, 2014
- ⇒ The Strategic Goals are:
 - Goal I: Optimize Patent Quality and Timeliness
 - Goal II: Optimize Trademark Quality and Timeliness
 - Goal III: Provide Domestic and Global Leadership to Improve Intellectual Property Policy, Protection and Enforcement Worldwide
 - Management Goal: Achieve Organizational Excellence



Performance Reporting

⇒ The FY 2013 Performance and Accountability Report was completed in mid-December, 2013

- The report can be accessed on-line here: <http://www.uspto.gov/about/stratplan/ar/>



Questions and Comments?

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