

**AMENDMENT 1 - QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**  
**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) NUMBER DOC52PAPT1000017**  
**Policy Studies, Conferences, and Development Programs in Support of**  
**Fair International Protection of Intellectual Property Rights**

<i>No.</i>	<i>Question</i>	<i>Answer</i>
<b>Questions Received Through 5:00 pm, March 26, 2010</b>		
1	Is the RFP open to for-profit companies?	No. Only non-profit organizations are eligible to receive award(s).
2	Will the USPTO make internal data sources available to the successful RFP applicant?	Where possible, internal data sources may be disclosed to successful RFP recipient(s).
3	Will separate awards be made for each of the desired studies?	Most likely yes given the number of projects. It is possible for a single respondent to be awarded multiple projects; however, it is highly unlikely a single, successful non-profit recipient would receive all project awards given the number and varied subject matter of the projects.
4	Should the study focus on unexamined as well as examined Chinese filings?	Yes, if possible.
5	Should the study include analysis on other Asian patent authorities for comparative growth rates?	Yes, if possible.
6	Will the methodology of measurement of quality be specified by the USPTO?	Where possible, quality metrics used at the USPTO may be specified.
7	The section of the study concerning the government policy decisions impacting the rates of filing, pendency issues et al consider ALL patent filings with SIPO?	Parameters have not been predetermined. Each proposal will be reviewed on an ad hoc basis.
8	Will the USPTO define what economic data should be considered in the study to determine the impact of economic conditions on SIPO? Should country specific -Chinese, region specific - Asia, and/or Global data be considered?	Parameters have not been predetermined. Each proposal will be reviewed on an ad hoc basis.
9	Should the study address differences in areas of art in the impact of economic conditions section?	Yes, if possible.
10	In the study section of the top 20 Chinese filing entities filing with USPTO - will the USPTO define what elements should be analyzed?	Yes.

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11	Should the section of the study that examines of timing differentials between the two offices include only granted patents with US and Chinese equivalents or encompass filings with an analysis of the prosecution office actions as well?	Both end point and internal data points would be desirable.
12	Because the study will be conducted over an extended time period, is the intent to deliver an analysis of the historical data to date and then continue the study with periodic update deliverables? Will the periodicity required be defined by the USPTO?	Yes. Yes, if possible.
13	Are matching funds required for this proposal? If yes, at what percent or ratio?	Yes. USPTO intends to award joint project agreements requiring a 50 percent (or equitable) match of project costs from the recipient.
14	Section C: Instruction to Offerors: "Such price breakdowns are limited to one (3) pages per program." Is this a one page or three page limit per program?	Three page limit per program.
15	Section C: Instruction to Offerors: "A description of a maximum of three past projects where the offeror has provided similar services," Is there a page limit for this section?	Three page limit per past project or a maximum of 9 pages if submitting a maximum of three past projects.