

Patent Public Advisory Committee Meeting Patent Process Reengineering Update



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Progress to Date

Results reported at April 14, 2011
PPAC meeting:

- ✓ Restriction Practice
- ✓ Double Patenting
- ✓ Color Drawings
- ✓ Classification/Transfer
- ✓ Enhancing Technical Knowledge
- ✓ CRU
- ✓ Pre-Examination
- ✓ Post-Examination



Progress to Date (cont.)

Applicant/Office Interface

- Applicant controls own data
- Interview button in PAIR
- IDS reference submission format, electronic self-management
- System to allow applicant to review, change, and validate all data prior to publication
- Improve customer support through increased education, outreach



Ongoing Efforts

Phase I:

- IDS
- PCT
- Petitions
- Application/Publication/Patent Numbering)
- Management Operations



Ongoing Efforts (cont.)

Phase II: (early stages)

- Sequence Listings
- National Stage (371) Case Processing
- Corps Processing Appeal/Pre-Appeal
- Cooperative Patent Classification
- Models, Exhibits, and Artifacts Submission
- BPAI/Patents Interface



Ongoing Efforts (cont.)

Phase III: (near future)

- Internal Data Requirements
- Support Staff



Issues

- Funding
- Resources
- Policy Decisions



Next Steps

- Collaboration in development process
- Assisting with developing training/implementation of new processes
- Continue to identify areas for analysis based on stakeholder input