



Patent Public Advisory Committee

USPTO Budget Update

April 14, 2011



FY 2011 Status

Projected Fee Collection range \$ 2,106 to \$2,490 million

- ↗ Patents: \$1,894 to \$2,265 million
- ↗ Trademarks: \$212 to \$225 million
- ↗ High estimate assumes mid-April implementation of Patent Interim Fee Increase
- ↗ Low estimate assumes no implementation of Patent Interim Fee Increase

Projected end of year Patent surplus (as of March 31, 2011):
(\$100) - \$271million

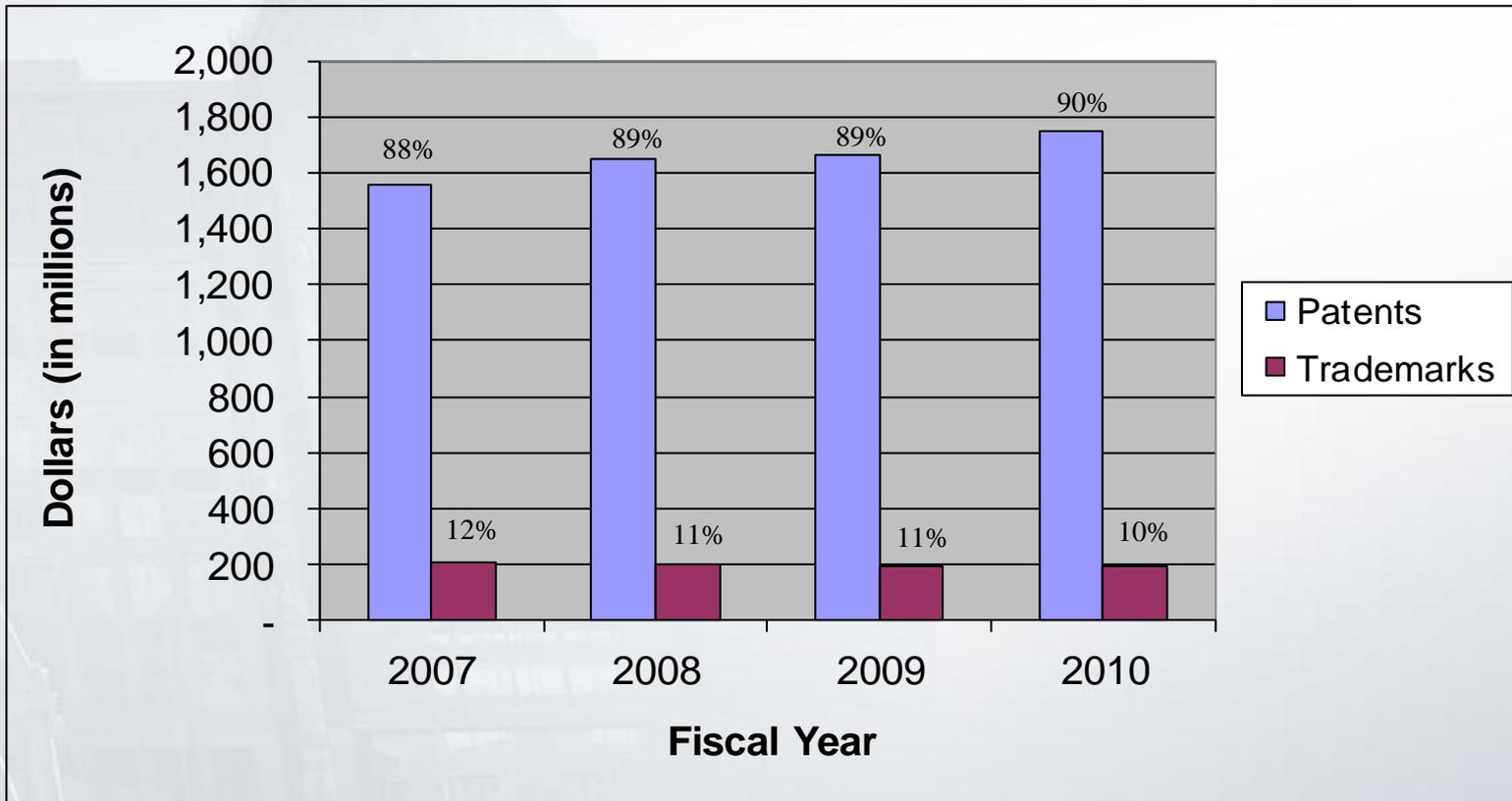
Projected obligation (as of March 31, 2011): \$2,362 million

- ↗ Patents: \$2,131 million (90.2%)
- ↗ Trademarks: \$231 million (9.8%)



FY 2011 Status

Historical Obligations by Business Line





FY 2011 Status

Current CR through April 15, 2011. USPTO held at the \$2,016 million level. Appropriation level still uncertain.

Delays implemented for:

- ↪ Hiring of all areas except Trademarks, TTAB and patent examiners
- ↪ Non-essential obligations including travel, training, and supply and equipment purchases
- ↪ IT projects

Impact of full-year CR at the \$2,016 million

- ↪ Essential obligations only
- ↪ Patent Pendency and Backlog Goals in jeopardy



FY 2012 President's Budget

President's Budget Priorities:

↪ Patent Pendency and Backlog Reduction

- ⇒ Achieving 10 month first action pendency by 2014 and average total pendency of 20 months by 2015
- ⇒ 1,500 new hires
- ⇒ Overtime
- ⇒ Nationwide Workforce

↪ Investment in Information Technology

↪ Seeking Sustainable Funding



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