Patent Public Advisory Committee Meeting Nationwide Workforce Briefing: Satellite Offices

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- 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

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300 River Place, Detroit

Patents Nationwide Workforce: Regional Office

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**

Patent Examiners, class 1
Patent Examiners, classes 2-4
SPE
Regional Manager
BPAI
CIO
ITRP
Team/Conference Rooms

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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.

Criteria—Top Level

– 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