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Patent Process Reengineering Team as part of the **Patent End-To-End Processing Team**

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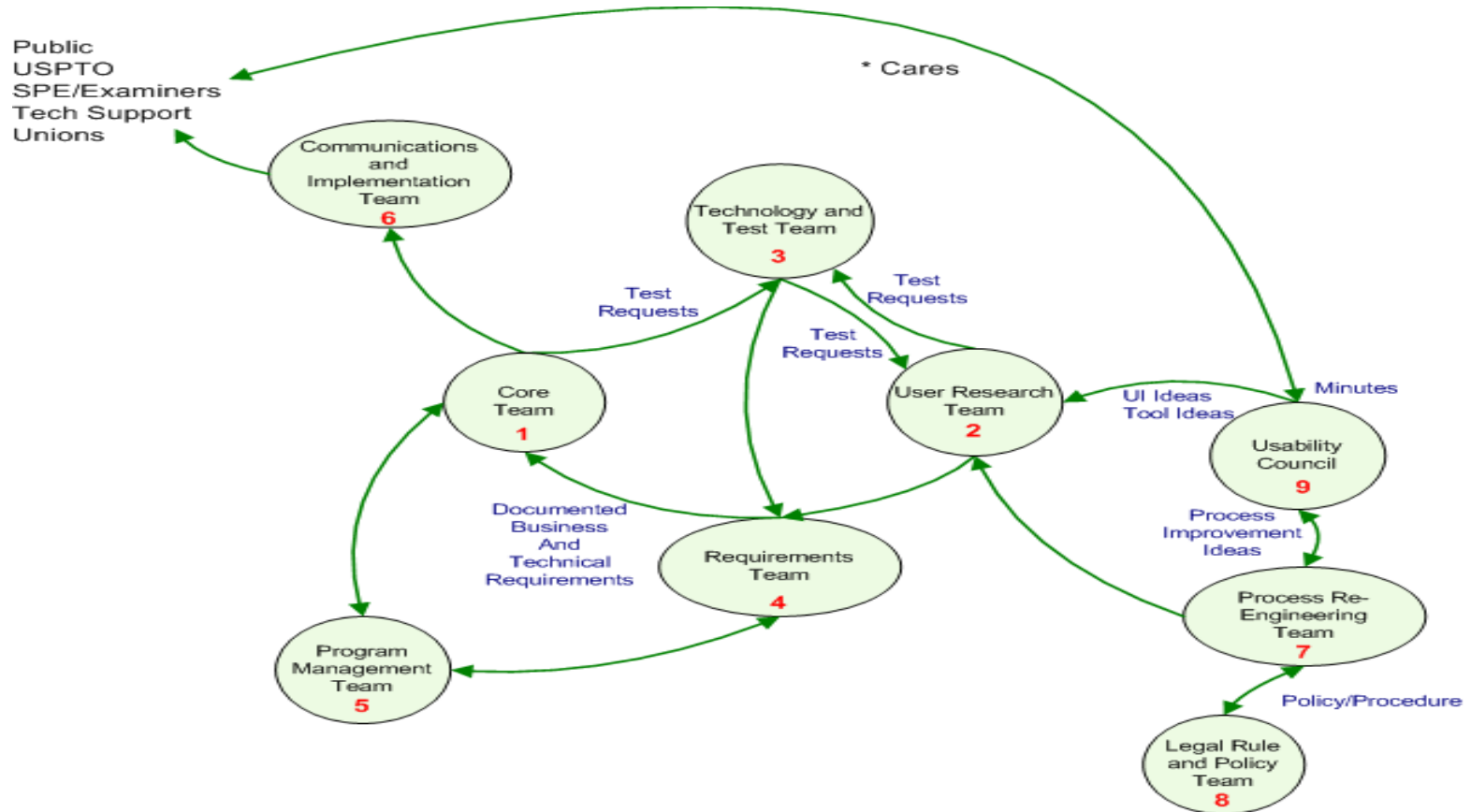


Patent End-to-End Processing Team

- Overall Goal:
 - The USPTO's Patent automation systems are a collection of systems, some dating back to the 1970s, that have evolved, independently.
 - The USPTO ultimately seeks to develop a system architecture which will incorporate a re-design of the pre-examination, examination and post-examination process.



End-to-End Team Structure





Patent Process Reengineering Team Business Areas Represented

- **Patents**
- **Search & Information Resources Administration**
- **Office of Data Management**
- **Office of Patent Processing Services**
- **Office of Patent Legal Administration**
- **POPA and NTEU 243 Representatives**



Reengineering Team Goal

- To streamline the patent application process to meet the challenges of adapting to rapidly evolving technologies and stakeholder priorities, while ensuring success in meeting the goals of timeliness, quality, and efficiency.



Reengineering Team Scope and Priorities

- Reengineering processes/procedures:
 - Align with the Under Secretary’s vision and direction
 - Incorporate ideas from internal/external sources
 - Simplfy and eliminate unneeded steps
 - » Reduce internal handling time/touches
 - » Streamline exception processing
 - Maximize work sharing
 - Integrate current initiatives
 - Staff/stakeholder friendly (and transparent)



Planned Actions

- Initial set up: establish team, charter, timetables, and plans
- Collect data and ideas from multiple sources
- Organize concepts (vetting, quick fixes, long-term)
- Present and validate reengineered straw man
- Collect feedback and adjust
- Present recommendations for collaboration with IT team
- Provide support for testing and prototyping
- Provide assistance for development of training materials



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Thank You!

Questions?