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Expanding American Innovation

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SUCCESS Act background

- In October 2019, the USPTO published a report on the Study of Underrepresented Classes Chasing Engineering and Science Success, the SUCCESS Act.
- USPTO findings
 - Limited amount of publicly available data regarding the participation rates of women, minorities, and veterans in the patent system.
 - information that does exist indicates that women and minorities are underrepresented as inventors named on U.S. granted patents.

SUCCESS Act background

- The USPTO currently has numerous programs and services geared toward individuals and small businesses from all backgrounds who are just getting started in inventing and patenting.
- The USPTO will enhance and expand upon its existing programs and services with at least the following initiatives:
 - Collaborative IP program
 - Award program
 - Creation of council for innovation and inclusiveness
 - Expansion of USPTO educational outreach program
 - Both students and teachers
 - Workforce development
 - Increase professional development IP training for educators



National Council for Expanding American Innovation (NCEAI)

- Objectives:
 - Develop a national strategy on innovation and intellectual property and a plan of action that will foster the involvement of underrepresented groups as inventors-patentees, entrepreneurs, and innovation leaders.
 - Execute a long-term comprehensive plan for continuing to build America's innovation ecosystem in areas that are key to the next technological revolution.
- Council members will be comprised of high-level officials from industry, non-profit organizations, academia and various government departments and agencies.

Next steps

- The *National Council for Expanding American Innovation* Council will have its inaugural meeting in the spring.
- There will be a series of roundtable events around the country to collect best practices.
- The National Strategy will be published Fall 2020.

Call to Action

- What the IP Community can do
 - Community involvement in STEM and IP education
 - Improve diversity and inclusion of underrepresented groups in their organization
 - Share your more effective and less effective practices and programs among peers and the NCEAI
- Share your feedback to our mailbox
 - InnovationCommittee@uspto.gov

Questions and comments

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