IP attaché program and Patents 4 Partnerships initiative

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IP attaché program

• Intellectual property (IP) experts working abroad to promote U.S. IP policies and assist U.S. stakeholders
  – Located in U.S. embassies and consulates around the world
  – Promote high-quality IP protection and enforcement
IP attaché services

• Advocate to improve IP policies, laws, and regulations through: engagements with foreign officials; training; and public awareness efforts

• Support U.S. stakeholders, including by providing information on navigating the IP landscape in foreign markets
IP attaché regional coverage

**Brussels**
European Union and Turkey

**Geneva (2)**
World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the United Nations
World Trade Organization (WTO)

**Mexico City**
Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean

**Lima**
Remaining South American countries (Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru)

**Rio de Janeiro**
Mercosur, Guianas, and Suriname

**Beijing**
National level issues in China and the Beijing and Shenyang consular districts

**Shanghai**
Eastern China and Taiwan

**Guangzhou**
Southeastern China

**Bangkok**
Southeast Asia

**Kuwait City**
Middle East and North Africa

**New Delhi**
South Asia

**Kyiv**
Central Eurasia, including Russia and former Commonwealth of Independent States
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Patents 4 Partnerships

- Web-based platform offering a way for patent holders and potential licensees to connect
  - Facilitates contacts between potential licensors and licensees in technologies that rely on patent protection
  - Initial focus on technologies for the prevention, treatment, and diagnosis of COVID-19, as well as personal protective equipment (PPE), medical devices, and drug development tools.
  - Can be used to search U.S. patents and patent application publications relevant to selected technologies