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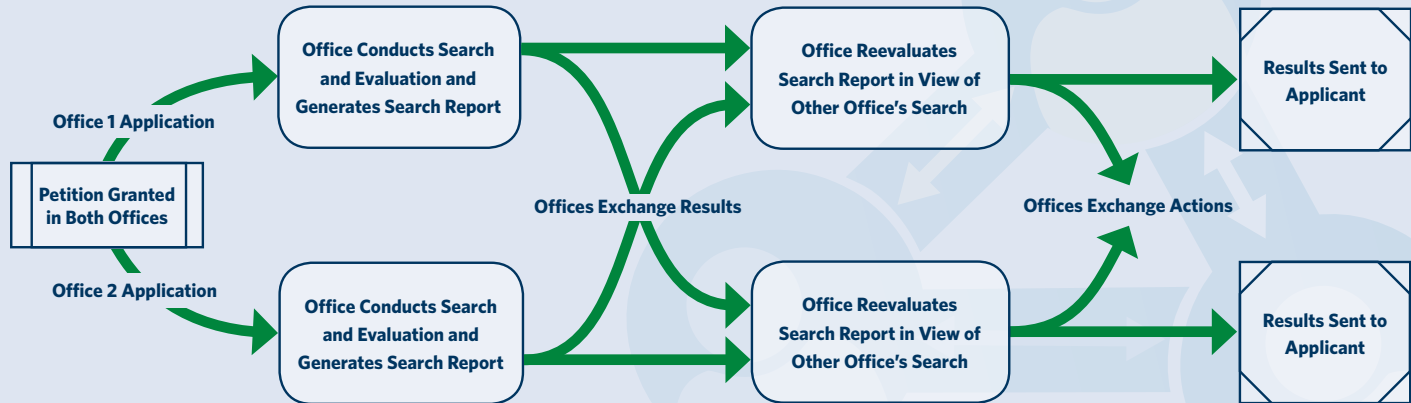


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The USPTO is conducting a pilot using parallel searches in each office followed by exchanging results prior to creating a First Action on the Merits for the applicant. The USPTO will consider partner Office's references in the FAOM, reducing the applicant's IDS burden. The goal of the pilot is to determine whether collaborative search of commonly filed claims can improve the examination process.

## Current partner offices:

- Japan Patent Office (JPO)
  - Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO)
- Pilot commences Fall 2017



Corresponding applications must be filed in USPTO and the other office(s) and have not yet been examined.