

Collaborative Search Pilot Program (CSP)

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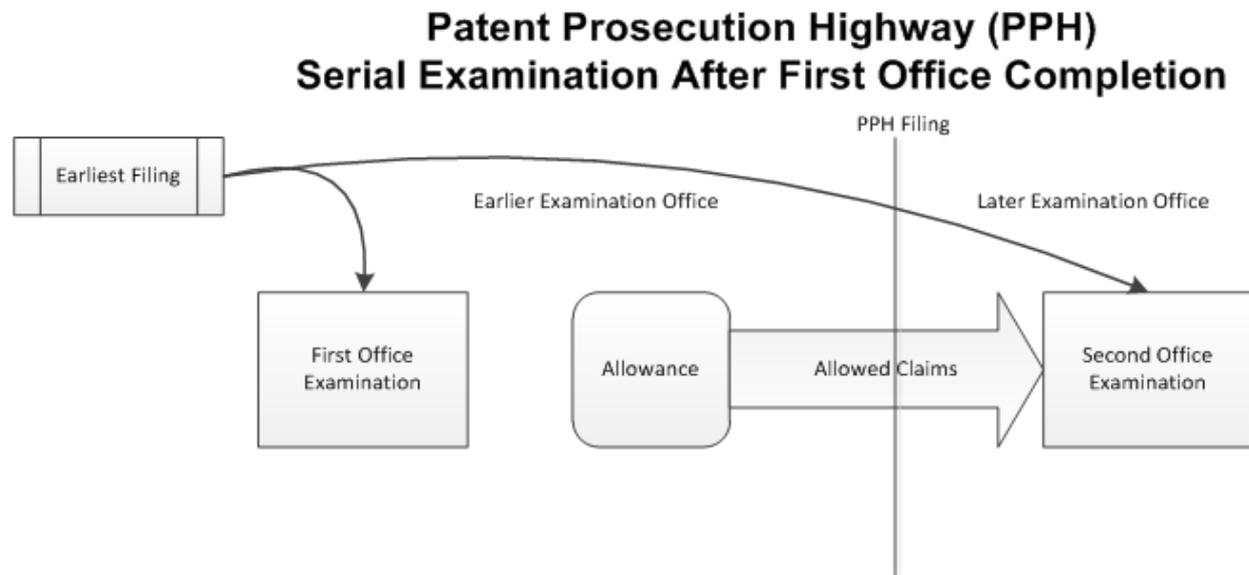
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Work Sharing Programs

Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) – Serial Interoffice Prosecution

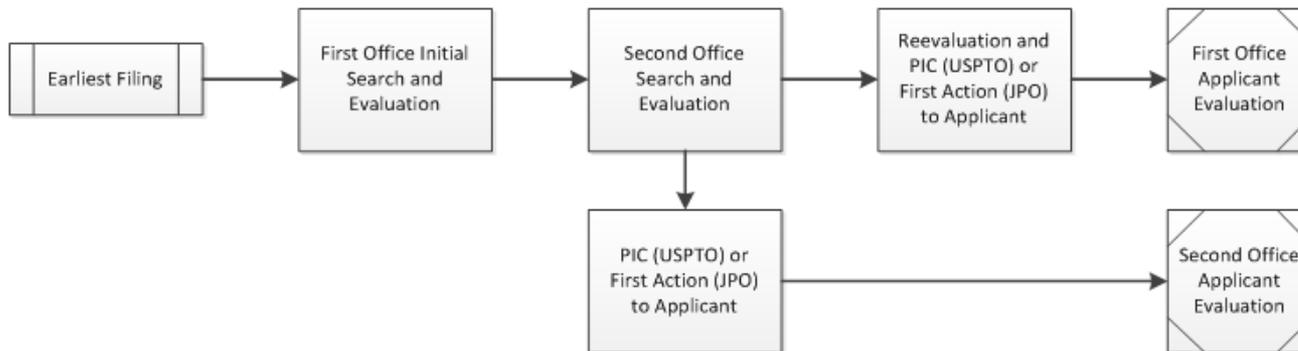
- Second Office acts on application after First Office Completes examination



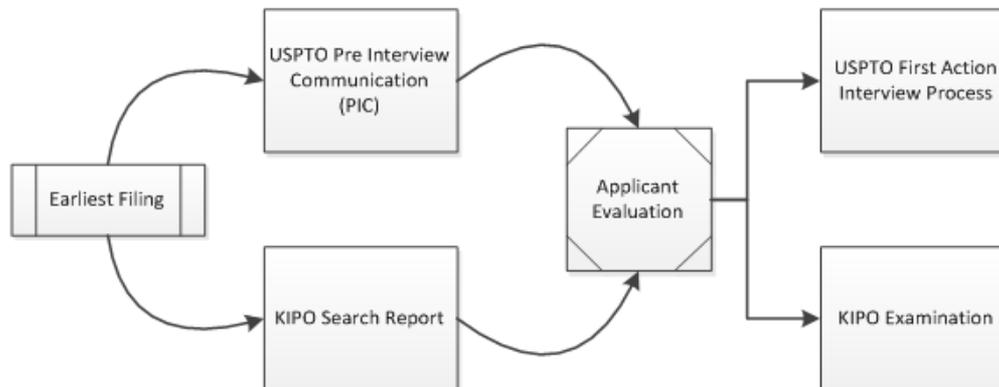
New Pilot Comparisons

New Pilot Efforts – Examination in accordance with First Action Interview Program

JPO Pilot – Serial Search and Evaluation Prior to Examination



KIPO Pilot – Parallel Search and Evaluation Prior to Examination



New Collaborative Search Pilots

- Pilots with JPO and KIPO
- Parallel Pilots testing prosecution efficiencies taking different approaches to initial search and examination
 - JPO – **Serial search** on substantially similar claims prior to Pre Interview Communication
 - KIPO – **Parallel search** on substantially similar claims
 - Both office's searches sent to applicant for consideration in response to Pre Interview Communication

Collaborative Search Pilots

- Applications made special for first action
- Based on First Action Interview Program
 - Claim Limits – 3 Independent/20 Total
 - Claim Matching –claims must correspond (slight difference between JPO and KIPO)
- Applicant Requirements:
 - Petition in both offices
 - Applicant consents to permit the USPTO and its partner offices to share information with partner offices under portions of 35 USC 122
 - (a) for sending to KIPO search results from unpublished US Applications
 - (c) & (e) for receiving KIPO/JPO search results and commentary in published US applications
- Pilot Duration is Two Years
 - JPO Pilot begins August 1, 2015
 - 200 applications per year per office of first search
 - KIPO Pilot begins September 1, 2015
 - 200 applications for each office of earliest priority

Potential Benefits

- Greater consistency in examination across Offices leading to more certainty of IP rights
- Your application will be taken out of turn resulting in expedited search results and final disposition
- It's FREE to file Petition

More Information Needed?

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