JPO Process Flows: USPTO Designated First Search

- **Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form**
  - (must be accompanied by a proposed amendment or arguments)

- **First Action Interview Office Action (FAOM)**

- **Failure to request Interview**

- **Pre-Interview Communication (PIC) Form**

- **Notice of Allowance**

- **Search and claim evaluation by Examiner**

- **Results To JPO**

- **Evaluate JPO Search Results**

- **Return Results from JPO**

- **Results To JPO**

- **Extended Collaborative Search**

- **Reply under 37 CFR 1.111 & Request to not have interview**

- **First Action Interview Office Action (FAOM) or Allowance**

- **Amendment/Response**

- **Second Office action (which may be allowance or made final)**

- **Notice of Allowance**

- **Failure to request Interview Office Action (FAOM)**

- **Restricted**

- **Extension of Collaborative Search**

- **Evaluate JPO Search Results**

- **Results To JPO**

- **FAI Interview**

- **FAOM or Allowance**

- **Results To JPO**

- **Reply under 37 CFR 1.111 & Request to not have interview**
JPO Process Flows: JPO Designated First Search

- Approved Request to join pilot
  - Initial Search from JPO
  - Notice of Allowability
  - Results To JPO
- Extended Collaborative Search
- Pre-Interview Communication (PIC) Form
  - Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form (must be accompanied by a proposed amendment or arguments)
- First Action Interview Office Action (FAOM)
  - Failure to request interview
- First Action Interview Office Action (FAOM) or Allowance
  - Amendment/Response
  - Second Office action (which may be allowance or made final)
  - Results To JPO
  - FAI Interview
- Reply under 37 CFR 1.111 & Request to not have interview