



# USPTO Budget Update

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# FY 2014

Full year appropriations bill signed January 17, 2014

⇒ USPTO is funded at \$3,024M

- \$90.8M or 3.1% above FY 2013 appropriated level (\$238.3M or 8.6% above FY 2013 sequestration level)

⇒ The FY 2014 budget supports

- 30 additional Trademark Examining Attorneys
- Continued funding for Trademark Next Generation (TMNG)



# FY 2014

- ⇒ Fee collections through January 31, 2014 are \$1,132.7M
  - Patents: \$1,043.3M, Trademarks: \$89.4M
- ⇒ Year to Date spending through January 31, 2014 is \$1,071.0M
  - Patents: \$969.5M, Trademarks: \$101.5M
- ⇒ End of year projected spending as of January 31, 2014 is \$2,951.6M
  - Patents: \$2,662.9M, Trademarks: \$288.7M



# FY 2015 Budget

- ⇒ The draft budget was submitted to the PACs and OMB/DoC for preliminary review and feedback
  - Final due to OMB/DoC by the end of February 2014
- ⇒ The White House will release the FY 2015 President's Budget on March 4, 2014; Congressional Justification for USPTO will be submitted to Congress on March 11, 2014
- ⇒ The budget includes the following FY 2015 targets:
  - Average First Action Pendency: 2.5 to 3.5 months
  - Average Total Pendency: 12 months



# 2014 – 2018 Strategic Plan

- ⇒ Draft documents were released to OMB and the PACs at the end of December 2013
- ⇒ The final Strategic Plan will be publicly released at the same time as the USPTO's FY 2015 Congressional Justification: March 11, 2014
- ⇒ The Strategic Goals are:
  - Goal I: Optimize Patent Quality and Timeliness
  - Goal II: Optimize Trademark Quality and Timeliness
  - Goal III: Provide Domestic and Global Leadership to Improve Intellectual Property Policy, Protection and Enforcement Worldwide
  - Management Goal: Achieve Organizational Excellence



# Performance Reporting

⇒ The FY 2013 Performance and Accountability Report was completed in mid-December, 2013

- The report can be accessed on-line here: <http://www.uspto.gov/about/stratplan/ar/>