USPTO Budget Update

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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)

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
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
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
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/