USPTO Team:

To best understand what the changes the USPTO should implement now, it is beneficial to catch a glimpse of the future by reviewing the list of what major changes an Intellectual Property governing organization will have accomplished by 2012:

Patent Teams will replace the lone patent examiner increasing quality and production, while reducing training costs, and lowering attrition rates because the USPTO will be a great place to work due to its team work philosophy and advanced organizational structure.

A new section will be included after "What is Claimed:" called "How What is Claimed will be distributed:" that enables inventors and governments to produce patents that promote innovation through distributing technology quickly and responsibly. This will help adapting the new philosophy of requiring inventors to have a distribution plan that will distribute the invention and the technology rapidly. Prevent patent applications from issuing that would inhibit technology distribution.

The USPTO will remove all hourly fees from the patent application process, including requiring all patent attorneys and patent agents to charge fixed fees for patent application representation, recognizing the crime produced by the incentives of hourly fees.

The USPTO will have introduced a new set of guidelines outlining the requirements for patentability, and incorporate different guidelines for each art, where applicable.

Incorporate the idea and direction to only issue and grant Internet patents only if regulation is needed or if issuing a patent is very useful or necessary to distribute the innovation rapidly and responsibly.

Use three measures for patent quality: Economic Impact and Value to Society, Quality of Technical Description, Quality of Prior Art Lookups. Use patent quality to prioritize and order patent applications for review and prosecution.

Implement 30 day rule, where patent office and inventor must respond to each other every 30 days until the application is either issued or has received a final office action refusing to issue the patent.

When appropriate, require interviews. Seems like a great idea.
Provide method for inventors to obtain instant protection. (Other countries do it now!)

Implement advanced object oriented classification system to classify all patents for near instant Prior Art lookup capability.

If ya'll can do half of those things for now, that would be great. If you can do them all, even better.

GOOD LUCK!

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