Partnering in Patents & Software Partnership – Oct. 21st Agenda

8-9 AM  USPTO Campus Tour (dependent on demand) – SPE Team

9-11 AM  Focus Session USPTO + AIPA + Public

   Topic – Tools for Quality Enhancement

11-12  Lunch

12-4 PM  Partnering in Patents Afternoon Session - Presenter Topics

   Introductions - Russell Slifer, Deputy Under Secretary & Deputy Director - USPTO

USPTO Initiatives - USPTO

   Office of International Patent Cooperation – Maria Holtmann, Director of International Programs, OIPC
   Patent Pro Bono Program – William Grant Corboy III, Patent Pro Bono Program Administrator
   Pro Se Assistance Art Unit – Darnell Jayne, Pro Se Art Unit SPE
   PTO’s 3rd Party Pre-Issuance Submission System – Jack Harvey, Dir. TC 2800
   Satellite Office Update – Tim Callahan, Dir. TC 2400

35 U.S.C. §101 - USPTO+AIPA

   USPTO 101 Training Progress and Upcoming Action Plan for FY16 – Greg Vidovich, Director TC 3600 - USPTO
   Patent Eligibility of Software Inventions - Marian Underweiser, Senior Counsel – IP Policy & Strategy, IBM - AIPA

Break (10 min.)

Functional Language Panel - USPTO+AIPA

   Introductions - Moderator – USPTO

   USPTO Functional Language Training Overview – Joseph Weiss, Senior Legal Advisor, OPLA –USPTO
   Functional Claiming: software and electrical arts perspective – Sarah Knight, Talem IP Law - AIPA
   USPTO Training & Williamson: A Mechanical Perspective – Jack B. Hicks, Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice – AIPA

Break (10 min.)

Enhanced Patent Quality Initiative Update and Panel Discussion - USPTO

   Drew Hirshfeld, Commissioner for Patents
   Valencia Martin Wallace, Deputy Commissioner for Patent Quality

Closing Remarks & Thanks - USPTO