

As a major U.S. based corporate user of the USPTO, we fully support the proposed enhancements to the electronic version of the Official Gazette - Patents intended for access over the USPTO internet web site. Our primary interest would be in the proposed "Virtual Gazette (VOG - Patents)" rather than the Page Composed (Adobe Acrobat PDF format) ("OG - Patents PDF"). Generally, we believe that the VOG - Patents format, usable through standard internet browsers, would provide superior performance and searchability. Our experience is that searching, browsing or downloading page-formatted information takes significantly longer, which would be exacerbated by even slower dial-up connections used by most medium to smaller firms or individuals. Exact OG page format replication is not necessary to us through on-line access.

In summary, we would strongly support the "Virtual Gazette (VOG - Patents)" proposed enhancements. We believe that would provide the information content at the highest performance. We would not need the ("OG - Patents PDF") page composed format.

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