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Enhanced Patent Quality Initiative

High-quality patents enable certainty and clarity of rights, which fuels innovation and reduces needless litigation. To ensure we continue issuing high-quality patents well into the future, we established the Enhanced Patent Quality Initiative (EPQI). We are strengthening work products, processes, services, and how we measure patent quality at all stages of the patent process.

Updates

- Join the USPTO and The New York Intellectual Property Law Association (NYIPLA) for a forum on patent quality initiatives currently underway at the USPTO. See the NYIPLA event page for details and to register.

- Post Grant Outcomes is an evolving program under the EPQI that has launched a Pilot program aimed at putting related AIA trial proceedings, including their prior art, in front of the examiners of pending related applications. More information is on the Pilot website.

- The Stakeholder Training on Examination Practice and Procedure (STEP) program is one of our current

2016 Patent Quality Chats
NEXT: June 14, 12-1 pm ET SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT: June 21, 12-1 pm ET

NYPLA Event: USPTO Patent Quality Checkup
June 14, 2016: 6:00 - 8:30 PM ET,
Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law,
New York, NY

Post Grant Outcomes Pilot
Involving pending patent applications related to issued patents undergoing an AIA trial proceeding before the PTAB.
EPQI UPDATES

• Stakeholder Training on Examination Practice and Procedure (STEPP) program
  – scheduled for July 12 – 14, 2016
  – Visit STEPP for more information and to help us determine future training.

• Thank you for your comments on our proposed use of quality metrics and
  our master review form (MRF) in response to our March Federal Register
  Notice whose comment period closed May 24th.

• We received over 135 qualified topics for our Topic Submission for Case
  Study pilot program and have selected six topics for study.

Patent Quality Chat:

eCommerce Modernization (eMod):
Improving the Electronic Patent Application Process

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Agenda

• eMod Overview
• Updates to EFS-Web (Electronic Filing System) and PAIR (Patent Application Information Retrieval) Systems
• Patent Center Introduction
• eMod Phases
  – eMod Text Pilot Program
  – eMod Patent Center Beta Program
  – Authentication Update
• Public Involvement

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eMod: eCommerce Modernization

The eMod Project improves the electronic patent application process by modernizing USPTO’s application filing and viewing systems

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Introducing Patent Center

- New, unified system
  - Integrates recent technology for enhanced system operations
  - Features single interface for filing and managing patent applications
- EFS-Web and Private PAIR Replacement
  - All functions in EFS-Web and Private PAIR will be transferred
  - New features, including the ability to accept and deliver structured text, will be incorporated

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- Web ADS
  - Use the ADS online form:
    - Save your progress
    - Error checking and data validation
    - Track submission progress online

- Upload ADS (PDF)
  - Upload a completed ADS:
    - Download the AIA/14 or 58/14 or use a non-USPTO ADS form
    - Complete the form on your computer
    - No online error checking or data validation
    - Track submission progress online

- No ADS new
  - Complete ADS later:
    - Requires basic Application Data
    - File ADS at a later time (may result in additional fees)
    - Application is incomplete until ADS submitted
    - Track submission progress online

- Copy application data
  - Re-use application data:
    - Save your progress
    - Error checking and data validation
    - Track submission progress online

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Patent Center Benefits

- Updated infrastructure to enable more efficient system integration
- Increased functionality and overall system usefulness
- Enhanced user experience through improved interface
- Improved processes for patent submission, review, and management
- Revamped authentication process to address current Java compatibility
- Increased accuracy of application processing and publication

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eMod Phase 1: Summer 2016

- eMod Text Pilot Program
  - Through EFS-Web and Private PAIR
  - Open to small group of applicants
  - Accept and deliver initial patent application submissions in .docx format
  - Incorporate updates based on user feedback

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eMod Phase 2: Winter 2016

• Interim Authentication Solution
  – Ensuring EFS-Web and Private PAIR accessibility without interruption is our top priority
  – Announcements will be posted after the solution has been successfully tested
  – Full implementation will occur before the Java plugin deprecation

• Patent Center Beta Program
  – Testing of Patent Center while in development
  – With a small group of applicants, with priority given to active participants in the eMod Text Pilot Program
  – Unified user interface
  – Key functionalities from EFS-Web and PAIR
  – Updates based on eMod Text Pilot Program

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eMod Phase 3: Fall 2017

• Deployment of Patent Center
  – Will be available to the public for filing and managing patent applications
  – Enhancements based on feedback gathered from Patent Center Beta Program
  – Functionality from EFS-Web and PAIR
  – Role-based access
    • Multiple roles
    • Creation of access groups

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eMod Ongoing Efforts

1. USPTO is committed to working with our stakeholders to assure that we understand your business needs
2. Conduct outreach to inform and seek user feedback
3. Continuously look to further streamline the process

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eMod Website

http://www.uspto.gov/patent/emod

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eMod Public Involvement

- Get Updates:
  - Information Sessions
  - Website
- Provide Feedback:
  - Focus Sessions
  - User Sessions
  - IdeaScale (http://uspto-emod.ideascale.com)
- Help Us:
  - Sign Up for eMod Text Pilot Program
- Contact us:
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Let’s Chat about eCommerce Modernization (eMod)

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Thank you for joining us today!

Patent Quality Chat
Webinar Series 2016 (6 of 11)
June 14, 2016

SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT
Patent Quality Chat:
Tuesday, June 21st
Evaluating Subject Matter Eligibility