

Draft E-mail Invitation

Hello –

Recently, the USPTO conducted a limited pilot program of a new examination option in which applicants receive results of a prior art search conducted by an examiner, via a condensed Pre-Interview Communication, and are then granted an interview to discuss the cited prior art references prior to the First-Action on the merits.

You are receiving this e-mail because you recently participated in this First-Action Interview pilot program. The serial number of your participating application is [insert application number].

In order to assess the effectiveness of the First-Action interview program and determine if it is a beneficial patent examination tool, I have attached a brief customer survey [insert URL address]. I look forward to your feedback, as we are currently working toward an expansion of the program to additional technology areas. Any suggestions you have will be considered when formulating the next phase of the program. Your participation is voluntary.