

VOLUNTEER FORM: PATENT REVIEW PROCESSING SYSTEM

A SYSTEM FOR AIA TRIALS

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is building the Patent Review Processing System (PRPS) to support electronic filing in the trial proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB), particularly the new trials created in the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act, Pub. L. 112-29 (2011). You can gain experience with this new system prior to its public release, while helping the USPTO refine the system, by enrolling as a focus group participant.*

SECTION 1: HOW CAN WE CONTACT YOU?

Name	
Job Title	
Organization	
Address Line 1	
Address Line 2	
City, State Zip	
Email Address	
Daytime phone number	
Attorney Registration Number at USPTO, if any	

SECTION 2: JOB FUNCTIONS

- Which of the following tasks do you do at least once a week? (Select as many as apply.)
 - Enter data
 - Upload documents
 - Read/review documents
 - Make payments
 - Other: _____
- Which of the following USPTO systems do you use? (Select as many as apply.)
 - EFSweb (For online filing)
 - PAIR
 - Electronic Business Center
 - Other: _____
- What other court systems do you routinely access?
System name(s): _____
- Which USPTO business units do you deal with on a regular basis? (Select as many as apply.)
 - Patents
 - Finance
 - Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences
 - Other: _____

5. Do you prefer to review documents in paper or electronic format?

- Usually paper
- Usually electronic
- It depends / no preference

6. In general, based on your experience, what do you **like** about the USPTO systems?

7. In general, based on your experience, what do you **not like** about the USPTO systems?

SECTION 3: DEMOGRAPHICS (OPTIONAL)

8. Which of the following categories includes your age?

- 18-29
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50-59
- 60-69
- 70+

9. What is the highest level of education you've completed? (Select all that apply.)

- Less than high school
- High School/GED
- Some college
- Associate's degree or trade school
- Bachelor's degree _____
- Master's degree _____
(Post-graduate professional degree)
- PhD _____
- Other: _____

10. Which web browsers do you use on a regular basis? (Select all that apply.)

- Internet Explorer
- Firefox
- Safari
- Chrome
- Other: _____

11. Excluding email and instant messages, approximately how many hours per week do you use the web, both professionally and for personal use?

- Less than 11 hours per week
- 11 to 25 hours
- 26 hours or more

12. Would you have 2 hours to be on-site at the USPTO campus in Alexandria, VA to participate in a focus group? There is no compensation for your participation.

Yes No

13. Which of the following dates and times will you be able to come to the USPTO campus for prototype trials and participation in a focus group discussion? (Select all times that you are available.)

- August 14, 2012 - 10:00am to 12:00 pm
- August 14, 2012 - 2:00pm to 4:00 pm
- August 15, 2012 - 10:00am to 12:00 pm
- August 15, 2012 - 2:00pm to 4:00 pm

14. Will you be willing to participate in the future focus groups?

Yes No

15. Is there anything else that you'd like to share with us?

* Note: The participation is voluntary. Unfortunately, the USPTO cannot compensate you for this activity.

Thank you for your participation.

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