

Pre-watching the Video Survey Questions

1. Do you author patent documents (initial application and/or follow-ons) using Microsoft Word?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
2. Do you use any other word processing application to author patent documents?
 - a. WordPerfect
 - b. OpenOffice
 - c. Google Docs
 - d. Star Office
 - e. Apple Pages
 - f. Other _____
3. Do you currently receive patent documents authored by the applicant in Word or from any other word processing application?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
4. If Yes, does the firm make any changes to the document or is it converted to PDF as is?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. If needed
5. Do you have any reservations using Word to submit patent documents to the USPTO?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. If Yes, what? _____
6. Does the phrase “validation tool” make you think of ePAVE or PASAT?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

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7. After viewing the video of validator tool, do you have any reservations about using it?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. If Yes, what _____
8. Do you have any recommendations on how to improve it?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. If Yes, What _____
9. Would you use in its current state?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

10. Do you think that the validation errors uncovered by the tool would decrease and eventually not become an issue through user experience?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 11. Should a form of the validation tool be used in a future version of e-filing, would a training video help to minimize any apprehension?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 12. Currently, the validation tool provides the user the option to remove all identified validation errors and allows the user to create a new document that has all validation issues removed.
 - a. If you accepted the new validated document, would you then review the document to check for other changes made during the validation process?
 - i. Yes
 - ii. No
 - b. Would you rather have the tool identify the errors incrementally so that you could make the corrections on the source document?
 - i. Yes
 - ii. No
 13. Would you use a web based 'cut and paste' submission process in lieu of submitting patent documents in Word or in any other word processing format?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Would need to see it first
 14. Has the need and importance been clearly conveyed why the USPTO needs to receive text from the applicant?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 15. Have the benefits to the applicant been clearly conveyed if text is submitted to the USPTO?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 16. Other comments?
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