

After Final Consideration Pilot 2.0 (AFCP 2.0) Survey Questions for External Stakeholders

Below are 9 short questions concerning the AFCP 2.0 pilot program. The AFCP 2.0 pilot was introduced on May 19, 2013, and has been extended until September 30, 2014. Your responses will help the AFCP 2.0 team to better refine the pilot and its associated training. Thank you for your time.

Your response to this survey will remain anonymous, and results will be viewed and reported in aggregate format only. Questions about the survey should be directed to Will Boddie via email (William.Boddie@USPTO.GOV).

OMB Control No: 0690-0030
Expiration Date: 04/30/2014

This information collection contains requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the PRA, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

The estimated response time for this collection is 3 minutes (0.05 hours). The response time includes the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

1. Approximately how many AFCP 2.0 requests have you submitted?

None | 1-5 | 6-10 | More than 10

2. Of the AFCP 2.0 requests you have submitted, approximately what percent resulted in either a notice of allowance or an examiner-initiated interview request from the USPTO?

0% | 25% | 50% | 75% | 100%

3. Overall how would you rate the AFCP 2.0 pilot?

1(ineffective)-5(extremely beneficial)

4. How effective do you feel the AFCP 2.0 pilot is in advancing prosecution?

Very effective | Somewhat effective | Neutral | Negatively affects

5. What aspect of the AFCP 2.0 pilot is most beneficial to you and your clients?

Increased likelihood of an interview | Additional search and consideration after final rejection |
Submission of proposed claim amendments | Other

6. In your opinion, how familiar are examiners with AFCP 2.0 procedure?

Very familiar | Somewhat familiar | Not familiar

7. How did you hear about the AFCP 2.0 pilot?

Official USPTO publications | Federal Register notice | Colleague | Patent Blog | Examiner | Other

8. Are there any aspects of AFCP 2.0 that you think could use improvement?

Text box

9. Any additional comments about the AFCP 2.0 pilot?

Text Box