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Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH)  
Survey Questions for External Users  
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Demographic Information

1. Which of the following best describes your affiliation?
  - a. Cooperation
  - b. University/Research Institution
  - c. Individual Inventor
  - d. Patent Professional
  - e. Law Firm
  - f. Other (business/legal association, etc.) (open text box)
  
2. If you represent a business or are an individual inventor:
  - a. Please estimate the total number of employees.
    - i. 0-10
    - ii. 11-100
    - iii. 101-500
    - iv. 501-1000
    - v. Greater than 1000
  
3. What is your primary area of technology or industry?
  - a. Biotechnology
  - b. Chemistry
  - c. Computers
  - d. Electrical/Electronics
  - e. Mechanics
  - f. Pharmaceuticals
  - g. Telecommunications
  - h. Other (open text)
  
4. In which of the following jurisdictions is your residence or primary place of business?
  - a. China
  - b. Europe
  - c. Japan

- d. Korea
  - e. United States
  - f. Other (open text)
5. In which of the following offices do you most frequently file applications (limit one)?
- a. European Patent Office
  - b. Japan Patent Office
  - c. Korean Intellectual Property Office
  - d. State Intellectual Property Office
  - e. United States Patent and Trademark Office
  - f. Other (open text)
6. Number of filings per year?
- a. 1-3
  - b. 4-10
  - c. >10

Patent Prosecution Highways (PPH) Questions:

1. Are you aware of PPH?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
  
2. If no, how would you prefer to learn about PPH?
  - a. USPTO Internet site
  - b. Training at a nearby location
    - i. Indicate preferred area/location
  - c. WebEx training
  - d. Email notification
  - e. In an office action
  - f. Other – please specify (open text box)
  
3. If yes, how did you first hear about PPH?
  - a. USPTO Internet site
  - b. Co-worker
  - c. Seminar
  - d. Noted in electronic filing system (EFS)
  - e. Noted in an office action
  - f. Other – please specify (open text box)

4. If yes, have you used it?
  - a. If yes, what have you found to be most beneficial?
    - i. Faster acquisition of IP rights
    - ii. Accelerated prosecution
    - iii. Cost savings
    - iv. Other – please specify (open text box)
  - b. If yes, how long have you been using PPH?
    - i. 0-1 years
    - ii. 1 – 3 years
    - iii. 3- 5 years
    - iv. 5+ years
  - c. If yes, how frequently do you use PPH?
    - i. Only once
    - ii. Weekly
    - iii. Monthly
    - iv. Every 4-6 months
    - v. Yearly
  - d. If yes, would you recommend PPH to others?
    - i. Yes
    - ii. No
  - e. If no, why not?
    - i. Does not align with filing strategy
    - ii. Cost
    - iii. Uncertainly about program and benefits
    - iv. Other – please specify (open text box)
5. Is there anything you think the USPTO can do to enhance the current PPH program?
  - a. Yes (open text box)
  - b. No
6. Would you be interested in providing a quote about your experience with PPH?
  - a. Yes (open text box)
  - b. No

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