Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Status Report

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28 PPH Partners

• **IP5 PPH**
  – European Patent Office (EPO)
  – Japan Patent Office (JPO)
  – Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO)
  – State Intellectual Property Office of the People’s Republic of China (SIPO)

• **Global PPH**

• **8 Bilateral Agreements**
Bilateral PPH Agreements

- Colombia (SIC)
- Czech Republic (IPOCZ)
- Germany (DPMA)
- Mexico (IMPI)
- Nicaragua (NRIP)
- Philippines (IPOPH)
- Poland (UPRP)*
- Taiwan (TIPO)

Note: * Bilateral agreement with GPPH
## PPH Benefits

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<th>First Action Allowance</th>
<th>Overall Allowance</th>
<th>Actions per Disposal</th>
<th>RCEs</th>
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<td>23%</td>
<td>82%</td>
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<td><strong>Non-PPH Applications</strong></td>
<td>13%</td>
<td>68%</td>
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Potential Applicant Cost Savings

Responses

- Minimal Complexity Average Cost per response to Action - $2,297**
- Complex Average Cost per response to Action - $3,329**

Fees

- Reduction in need for RCE - $1,200
- Reduction in Appeal Related Feeds - $2,800

** Estimates are based on 2013 cost savings data from the AIPLA Report of the Economic Survey
PPH Program Growth

Requests to Enter the PPH Program

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Cumulative PPH Requests
2010 – 2015 from the IP5 Offices

*as of April 2015
The Work Continues

• Common PPH request form implemented
• Research to identify improvements:
  – Reuse studies
  – Stakeholder survey
• Outreach: increase awareness and educate
• On-going cooperation with PPH partners
For More Information

• For general information concerning PPH, visit www.uspto.gov/web/patents/pph/index.html.

• If you have specific questions about PPH, please e-mail PPHfeedback@uspto.gov.