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# **The Path to a Patent, Part I: IP basics and patent application process**

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# Agenda

- What is intellectual property
  - Role and importance
  - The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)
  - Types of Intellectual Property
- Introduction to patents
- USPTO Resources



# What is intellectual property?



Real property



Intellectual property

# **IP-intensive industries are a critically important component of the U.S economy**

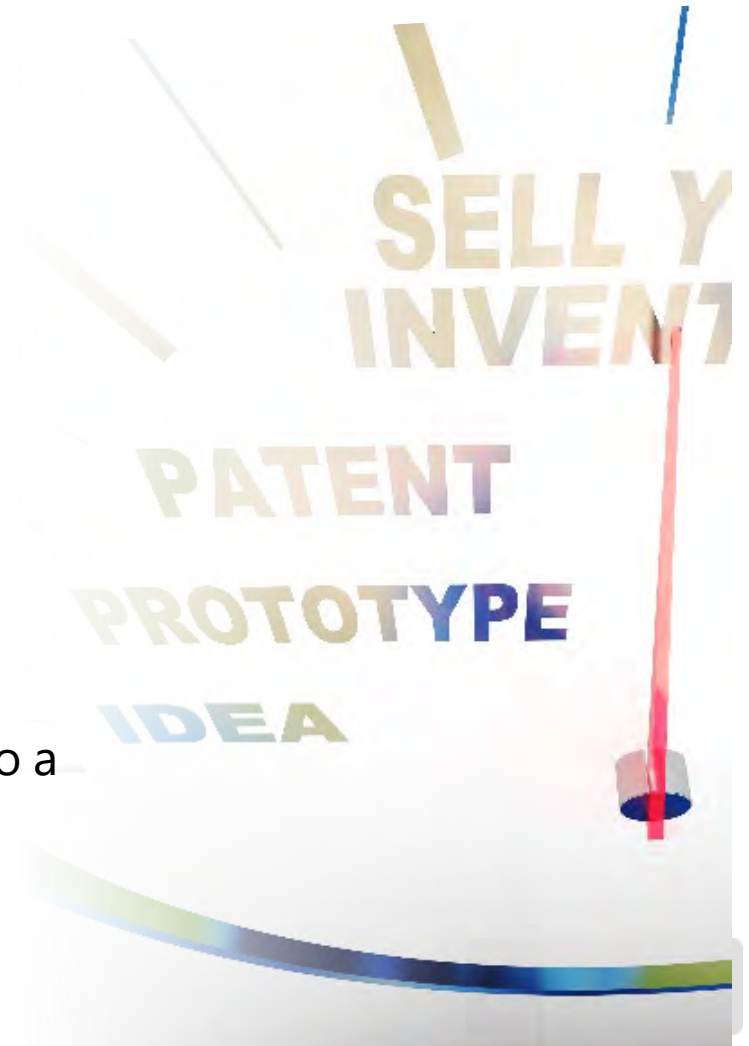
- 45.5 million jobs<sup>4</sup>
- 38.2% of U.S. GDP<sup>4</sup>
- 46% higher pay<sup>4</sup>



# IP strategy IS a business strategy

IP:

- Is attractive to investors and buyers
- Deters infringement lawsuits
- Can increase leveraging power
  - Mergers and acquisitions
- Is a property right that can add value to a company's assets
- Is Global





# What is the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office?



# The USPTO is America's innovation agency

## Committed to:

- Fostering innovation and economic growth
- Creating a reliable, predictable, and high-quality IP system





# The USPTO in FY19

## 12,652 employees

- **9,614** patent examiners
- **701** trademark examining attorneys
- **383** Patent Trial and Appeal Board team
- **73** Trademark Trial and Appeal Board team

## Patents

- **665,231** applications filed
- **370,434** patents issued

## Trademarks

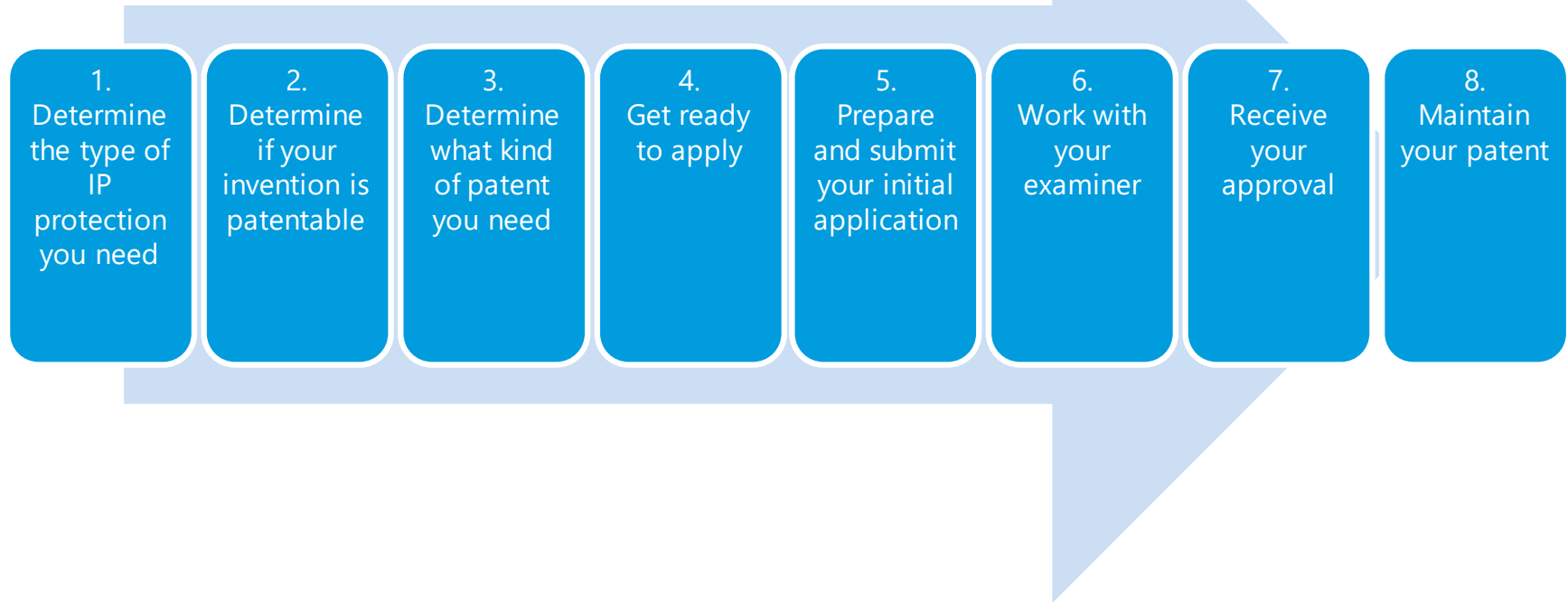
- **673,233** trademark applications
- **297,774** Certificates of Registration

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Alexandria, VA

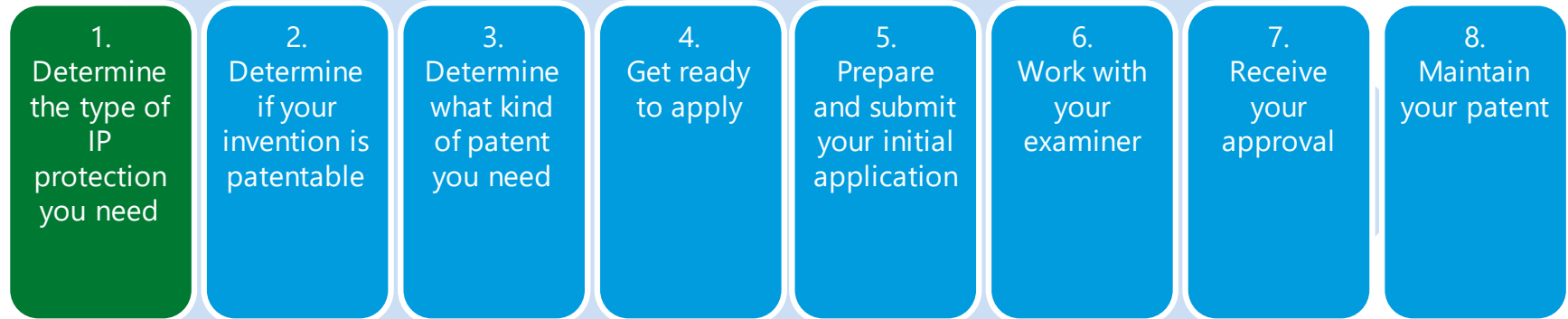


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# Patent process overview



# Step 1: Determine the type of IP protection you need



# Types of intellectual property



## Patent

New, inventive ideas



## Trademark

Identifies the origin of goods or services



## Copyright

Creative expression stored in a tangible form



## Trade secret

Any information that is valuable & kept confidential



# Overview of intellectual property

	Utility patent	Design patent	Plant patent	Copyright	Trade secret	Trademark
What's protected?	An invention for process, machine, article of manufacture and composition of matter	Ornamental design for an article of manufacture	Newly invented strains of asexually reproducing flowering plants, fruit trees, and other hybrid plants	Original works of authorship, including literary, dramatic, musical, and artistic works	Formulas, methods, devices or compilations of information which is confidential and gives a business an advantage	Words, symbols, logos, designs, or slogans that identify and distinguish products or services
Examples	iPod, chemical fertilizer, process of manipulating genetic traits in mice	Unique shape of electric guitar, design for a lamp	Flowering plants, fruit trees, hybrid plants	Michael Jackson's Thriller (music, artwork and video), Windows operating system	Coca-Cola formula, survey methods used by a pollster, new invention for which patent application has not been filed	Coca-Cola name and distinctive logo, Pillsbury doughboy character
Duration of protection	20 years from the date of filing in the United States	15 years from grant of a patent in the United States	20 years from the date of filing in the United States	The life of the author plus 70 years (or for some works, earlier of 95 years from publication or 120 years from creation)	As long as information remains confidential and functions as a trade secret	As long as mark is in continuous use in connection with goods or services – renew by year 6, then at year 10, then every 10 years



# Trade secrets



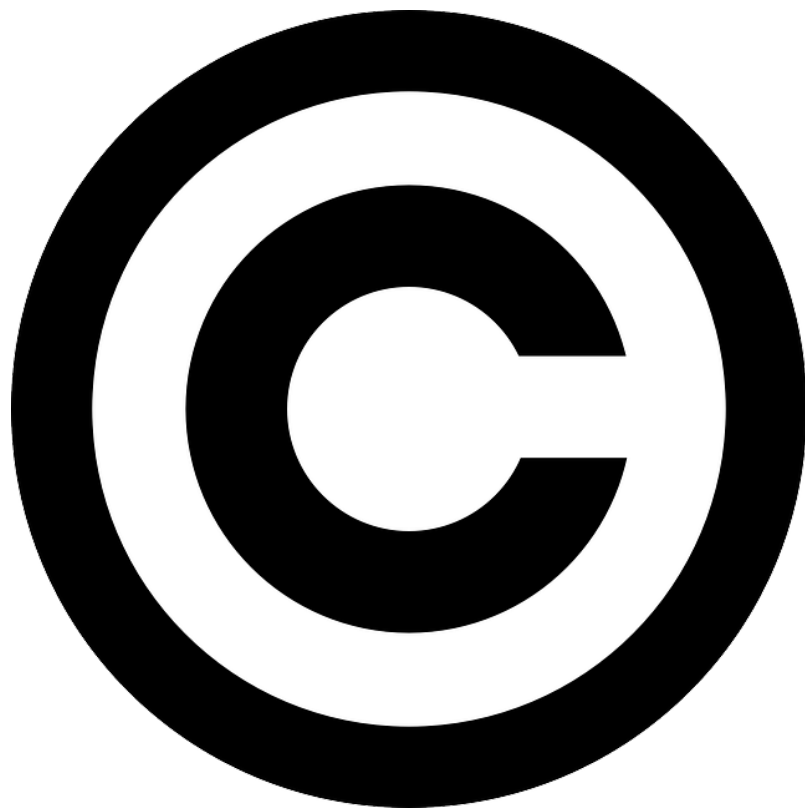
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# Ways to lose a trade secret

- Failure to take adequate steps to prevent disclosure
- Owner or owner-authorized disclosure
- Reverse engineering
- Independent development



# Things protected by copyrights



**Songs**



**Books**



**Movies**



**Sculptures**

# Copyright

- Library of Congress
- Protects “original works of authorship” including literary, dramatic, musical, artistic, and certain other intellectual works
- Term: Author’s life + 70 years
- [www.copyright.gov](http://www.copyright.gov)

**TM ®**

# Examples of trademarks

Trademarks can be **WORDS**

STARBUCKS

NIKE

TARGET

Trademarks can be **DESIGNS**





# Nontraditional marks – colors



# Nontraditional marks – scents



verizon<sup>✓</sup>



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# Nontraditional marks – sounds



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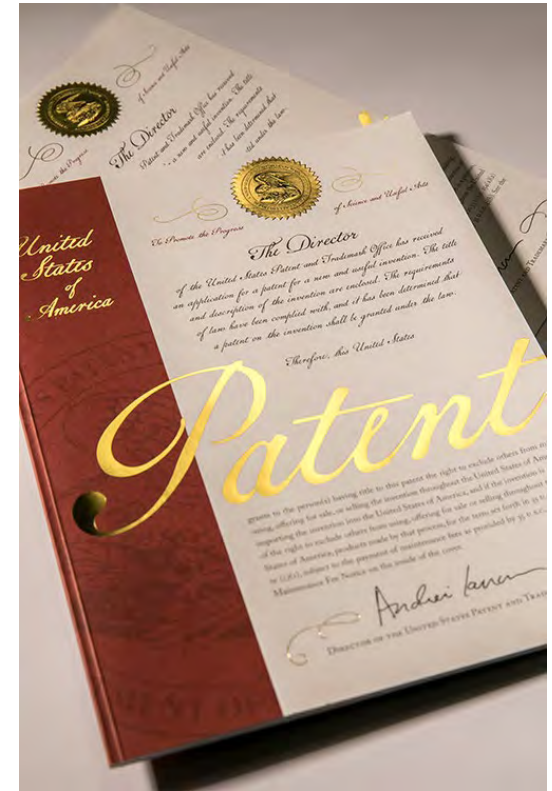


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# Patents

## A U.S. patent is

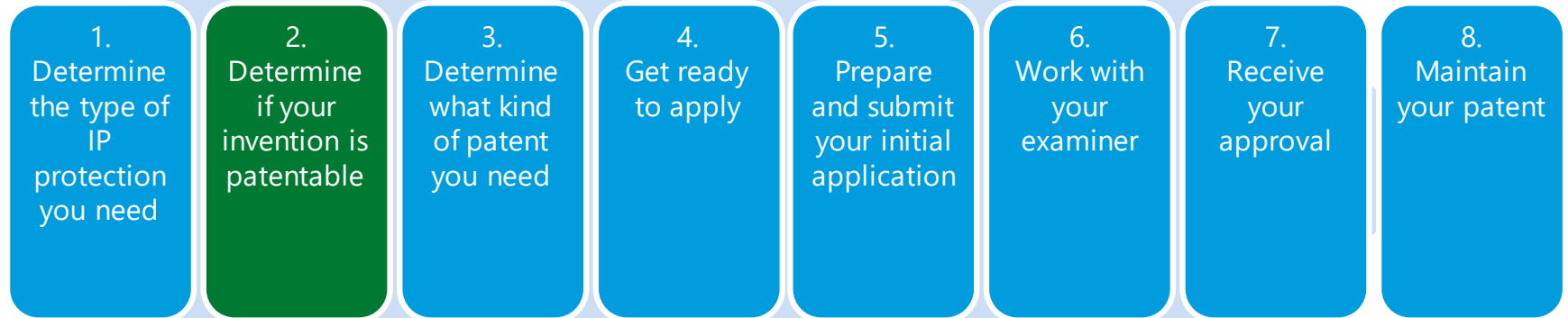
- A property right granted by the United States government to an inventor
- To exclude others from making, using, offering for sale, or selling the invention throughout the United States or importing the invention into the United States
- For a limited time
- In exchange for public disclosure of the invention



# Why get a patent?

- Gain entry to a market
- Exclude others from a market
- Use it as a marketing tool to promote unique aspects of a product
- Sell or license, like other property

# Step 2: Determine if your invention is patentable





# Inventions patentable

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

# Patent eligibility requirements

## What can be patented:

- Process
- Machine
- Article of manufacture
- Composition of matter
- Improvement of any of the above
- Ornamental design of an article of manufacture
- Asexually reproduced plant varieties

## What cannot be patented:

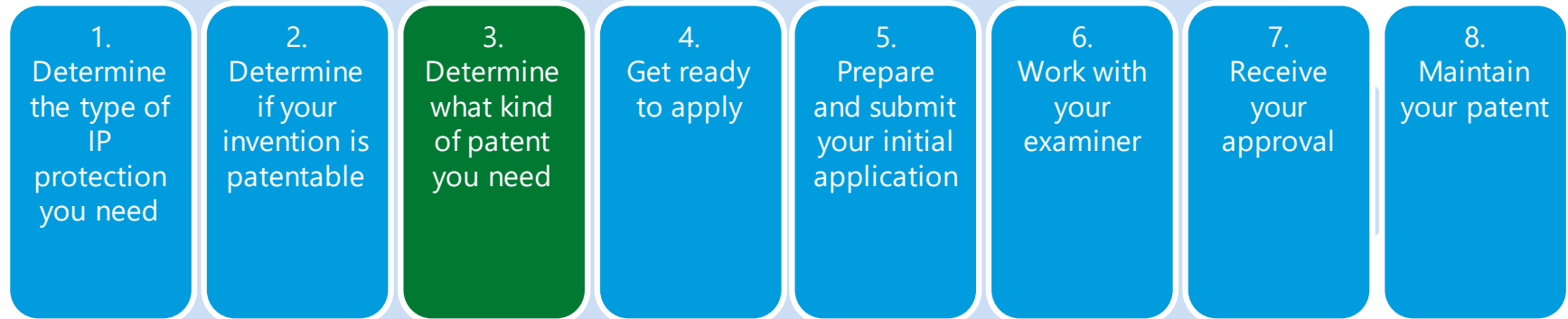
- Law of nature
- Physical phenomena
- Abstract ideas
- Literary, dramatic, musical, and artistic works
- Inventions which are:
  - Not useful or
  - Offensive to public morality



# How do I know if my invention is patentable?

- Search
  - U.S. patents
  - Foreign patents
  - Printed publications
  - The internet
- Part II of this presentation is focused on patent searching

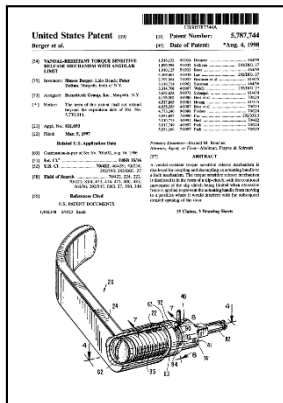
# Step 3: What kind of patent do you need?



# Types of patents

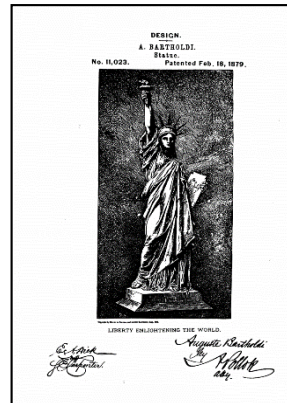
## Utility

New and useful process, machine, article of manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof



## Design

Any new, original and ornamental design; protects the way an object appears



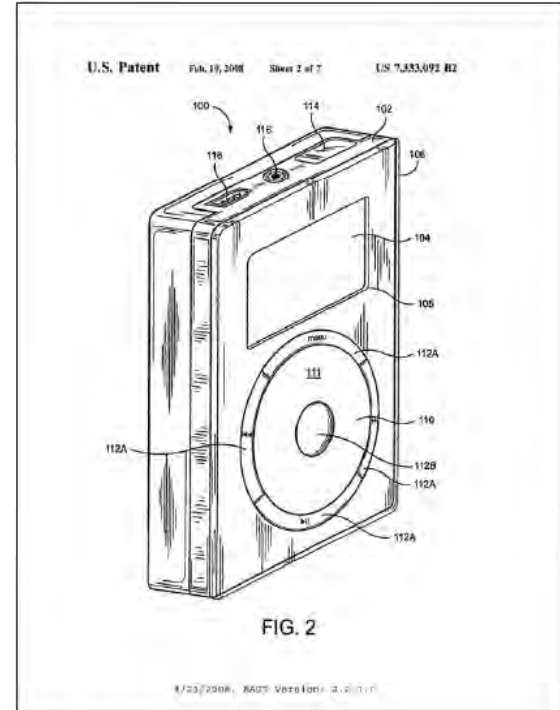
## Plant

Whoever invents or discovers and asexually produces any distinct and new variety of plant



# Utility patents

- Protect the function of an invention—the way it works
- Valid for 20 years from the date the application is filed





# Step 4: Get ready to apply



# Provisional vs. nonprovisional

## **Provisional application**

- Establishes a filing date
- No claims required
- Inexpensive
- Not published or examined
- One year to pursue nonprovisional

## **Nonprovisional application**

- Statutory requirements for what has to be filed
- More expensive
- Published and examined
- Can result in a patent

# Utility patent fees

	Large entity	Small entity	Micro entity
Basic filing fee	\$300	\$150	\$75
Search fee	\$660	\$330	\$165
Examination fee	\$760	\$380	\$190
<b>Initial cost</b>	<b>\$1720</b>	<b>\$860</b>	<b>\$430</b>
Issue fee	\$1000	\$500	\$250

# Entity status discounts

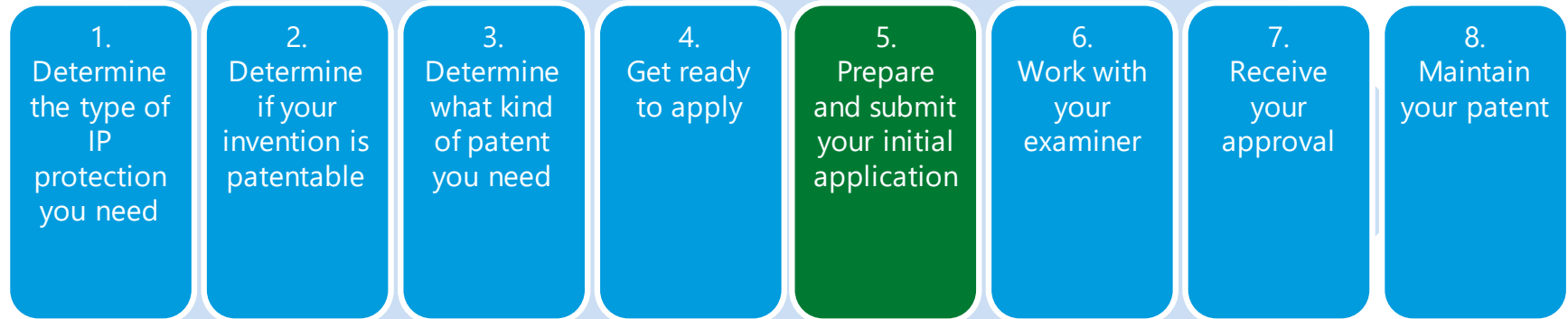
- **Small entity status gets a 50% discount**
  - An individual or
  - A small business (less than 500 employees) or
  - A non-profit organization
- **Micro-entity status gets a 75% discount**
  - Qualify as a small entity
  - Filed no more than four previous applications
  - Income not greater than three times the median income
    - September 2019: \$184,116
  - Not assigned to other than a micro-entity
  - Inventions assigned to employer don't count against you

# Need to fast track your patent?

- Track One provides a final disposition within about 12 months
- Utility and plant applications
- Limited to 12,000 requests
- \$4,000/\$2,000/\$1,000



# Step 5: Prepare and submit your initial application

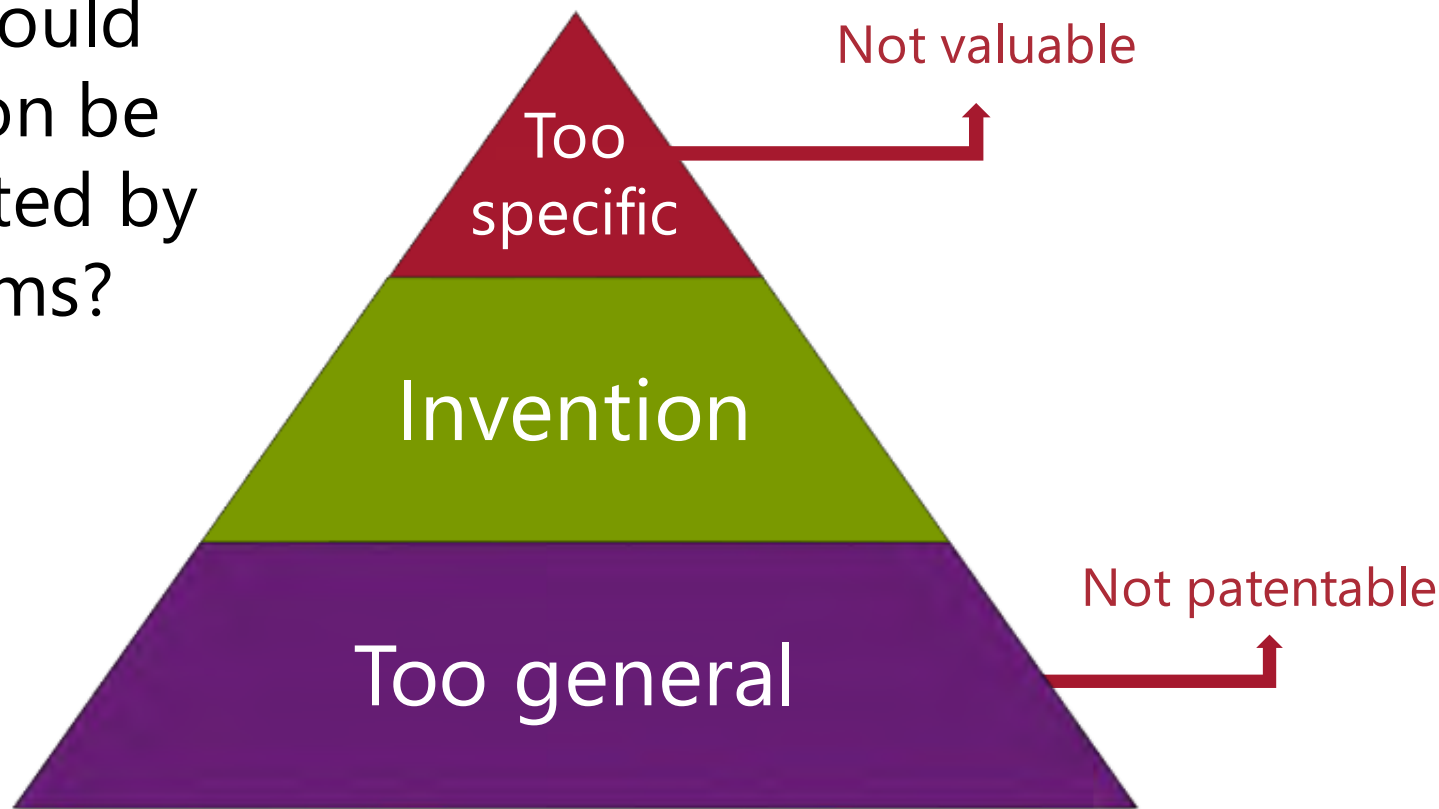


# Parts of a patent application

- Abstract: Short summary of the invention
- Written description: How does it work?  
How is it made or used?
- Drawings: What does it look like?
- One or more claims

# Claims

How should invention be delineated by the claims?





# Examples of dependent claims

A **dependent** claim incorporates by reference all the limitations of the claim to which it refers.

2. A headgear apparatus as in claim **one**, wherein **said** eye shield member is adjustable with respect to **said** headband member.
3. A headgear apparatus as in claim one, wherein **said** visor member and **said** eye shield member are secured to **said** frontal portion of **said** headband member by **a** set of rivets.
4. A headgear apparatus as in claim **two**, wherein **said** headband member is formed from neoprene fabric

# Filing your application

- Submit online using EFS-Web or DOCX
  - Upload all necessary documents
  - Payment of required fees
- Receive an application number and filing date

# Electronic Business Center (EBC)

- The EBC can assist with:
  - Submitting your patent application via EFS-Web
  - Viewing application information in Public and Private PAIR
  - Searching for patents in AppFT and PatFT
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  - Java and web browser problems
  - Technical problems or errors with your patent application
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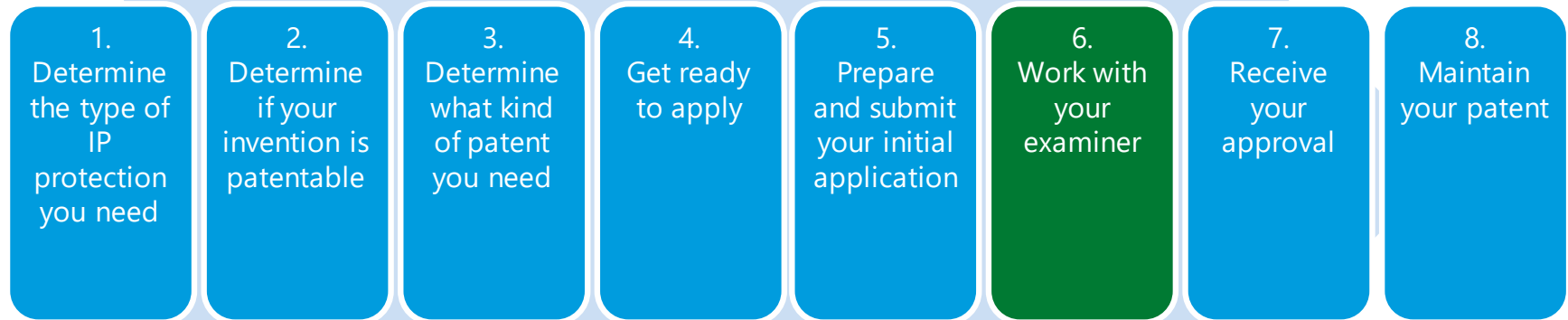
## Telephone Numbers:

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- Local: 571-272-4100

**Email:** [ebc@uspto.gov](mailto:ebc@uspto.gov)

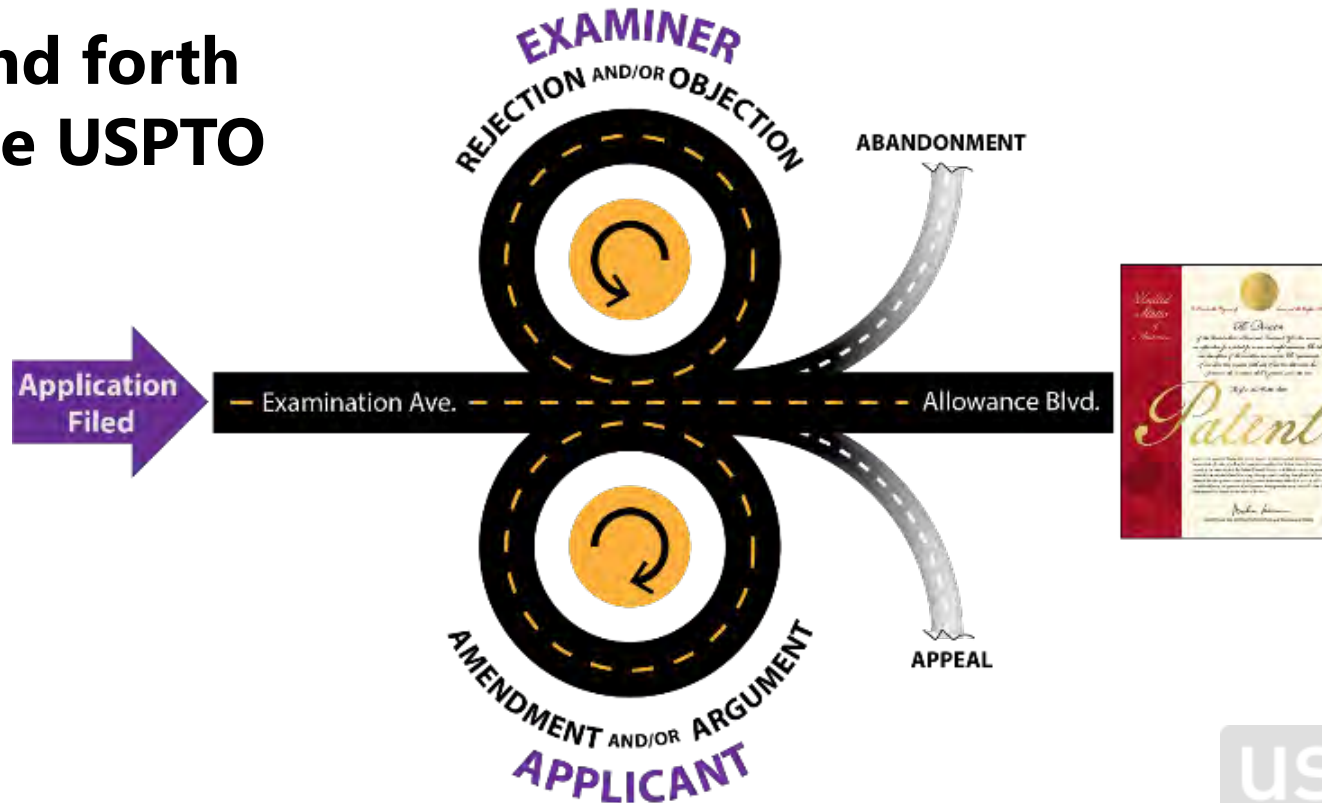


# Step 6: Work with your examiner



# The patent application roadmap

Back and forth  
with the USPTO



# What does a patent examiner do?

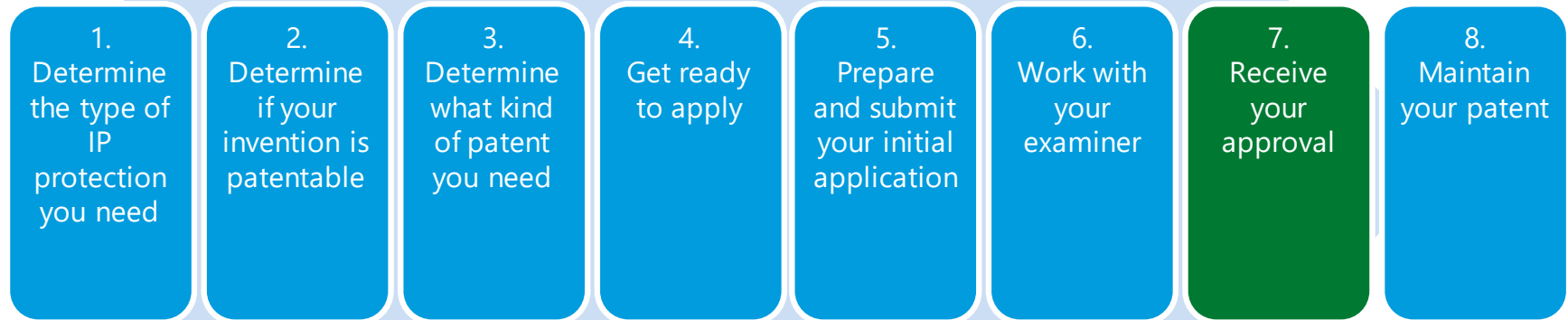
- Reads and understands the application
- Searches for prior art
- Evaluates the claims with respect to statutory requirements and formal requirements
- Writes office actions to applicant describing all findings related to patentability
- Holds interviews with applicant to explain findings and explore opportunities to advance prosecution



# Statutory hurdles

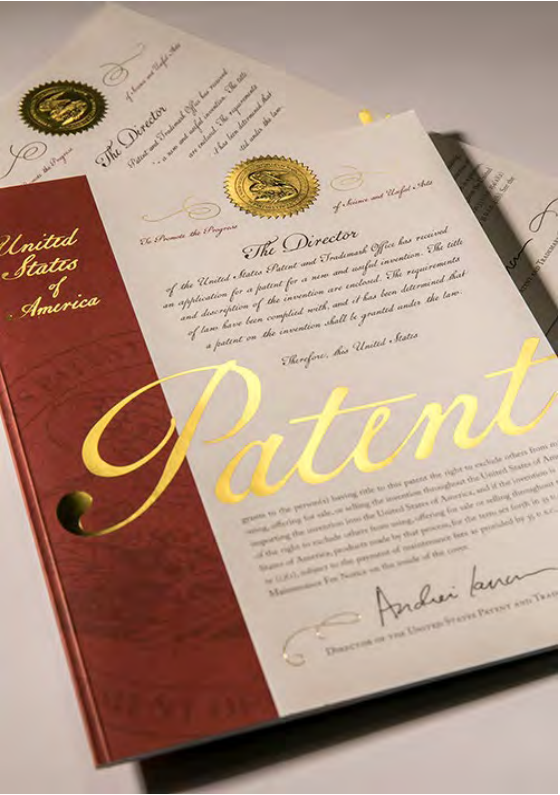
- Is it patent eligible?
- Is it new?
- Is it nonobvious?
- Are the claims written clearly?
- Could a skilled technician reproduce the claimed invention based on what is in the specification?

# Step 7: Receive your approval





# Issued patent



## (12) United States Patent Marron

(10) Patent No.: US 10,000,000 B2  
(45) Date of Patent: Jun. 19, 2018

### (54) COHERENT LADAR USING INTRA-PIXEL QUADRATURE DETECTION

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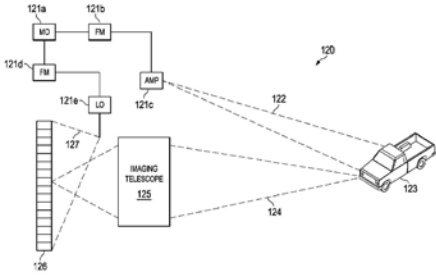
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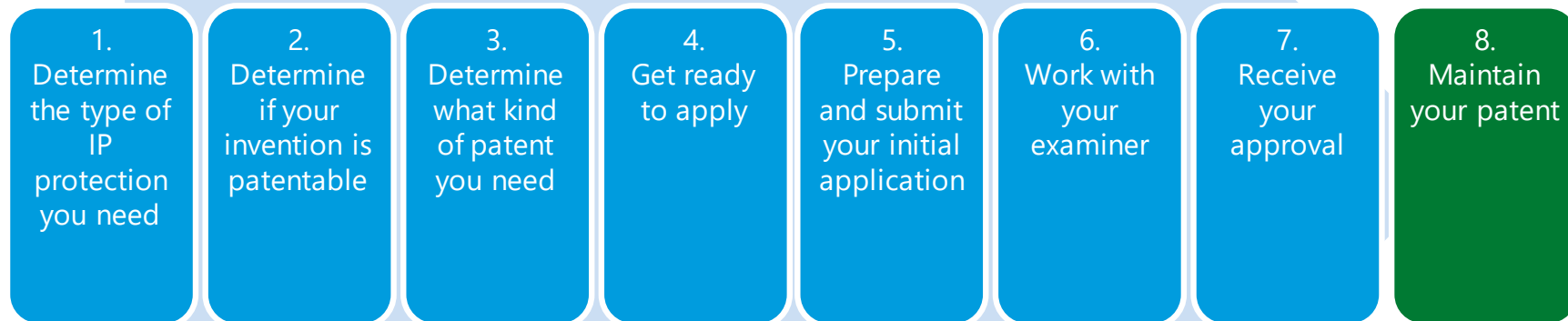
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Primary Examiner—Luke D Ratcliffe  
(74) Attorney, Agent, or Firm—Munck Wilson Mandala, LLP  
(57) ABSTRACT  
A frequency modulated (coherent) laser detection and ranging system includes a read-out integrated circuit formed with a two-dimensional array of detector elements each including a photosensitive region receiving both return light reflected from a target and light from a local oscillator, and local processing circuitry sampling the output of the photosensitive region four times during each sample period clock cycle to obtain quadrature components. A data bus coupled to one or more outputs of each of the detector elements receives the quadrature components from each of the detector elements for each sample period and serializes the received quadrature components. A processor coupled to the data bus receives the serialized quadrature components and determines an amplitude and a phase for at least one interfering frequency corresponding to interference between the return light and the local oscillator light using the quadrature components.  
20 Claims, 6 Drawing Sheets



# Step 8: Maintain your patent



# Enforcement

- Onus is on the owner to enforce their patent rights
  - Monitor marketplace for infringing products
  - Respond to infringement when detected
- **Government enforcement resources**
  - [STOPfakes.gov](https://stopfakes.gov)
  - Customs and Border Protection




# STOPfakes.gov

- The International Trade Administration (ITA), U.S. Department of Commerce, manages STOPfakes.gov to assist U.S. businesses in protecting and enforcing their intellectual property rights against counterfeits and pirated goods in the global marketplace
- Provides information, guidance, and trainings for businesses and consumers by both industry and country of interest

# U.S. Customs and Border Protection

- Customs and Border Protection (CBP) can detain and seize imported goods which violate intellectual property rights in the United States
- CBP officers can access the recordation database at each of the 317 ports of entry

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### Patent basics

- > Patent process step-by-step
- > Search patents
- > Frequently asked questions (FAQs)
- > Procedures (MPEP) and guidance




### Apply for a patent

- > Register and easier filing resources
- > Check application status
- > Filing fees and payment
- > Forms




### Application assistance

- > Contacts for application questions
- > Advanced application resolution
- > Petitions
- > Appeals and proceedings (PTAB)




### Maintain your patent

- > Maintenance fees and payment
- > Calculate expiration date
- > Reinstate an expired patent
- > Ownership change and search



### Helpful resources


- > CARES Act deadline waivers
- > International patent filing
- > Examiner interview requests
- > In-person help near you
- > Free assistance programs




### Independent inventors

- > File a patent application on your own
- > Legal assistance and resources
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- > Inventors Assistance Center


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<h3>Patents for Startups</h3> <p>The patent process can be challenging if you are not familiar with it. Here is basic information on the patent process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Patent Process Overview</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Inventors Assistance Center</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Patent FAQs</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Patent Homepage</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Search for Patents</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Official Gazette for Patents</a></li> </ul>	<h3>Trademarks for Startups</h3> <p>The trademark process can be confusing for a beginner, so here is basic information on registering a trademark.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Trademark Basics</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Search for Trademarks</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Filing online</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Trademark Homepage</a></li> </ul>	<h3>Startup Assistance</h3> <p>The Inventors Assistance Center and Trademark Assistance Center provide information and services to the public. Center staff can answer questions on patent and trademark processes, but cannot provide specific legal advice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Inventors Assistance Center</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Trademark Assistance Center</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Patents Ombudsman Program</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">BusinessUSA</a> (link is external)</li> </ul>	<h3>Current Events</h3> <p>Information about conferences, conventions and other opportunities to engage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Upcoming Events</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Inventors Eye   Events &amp; Announcements</a></li> </ul>
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Inventors Assistance Center (IAC) provides patent information and services to the public. The IAC is staffed by former supervisory patent examiners and experienced former primary examiners who answer general questions concerning patent examining policy and procedure.

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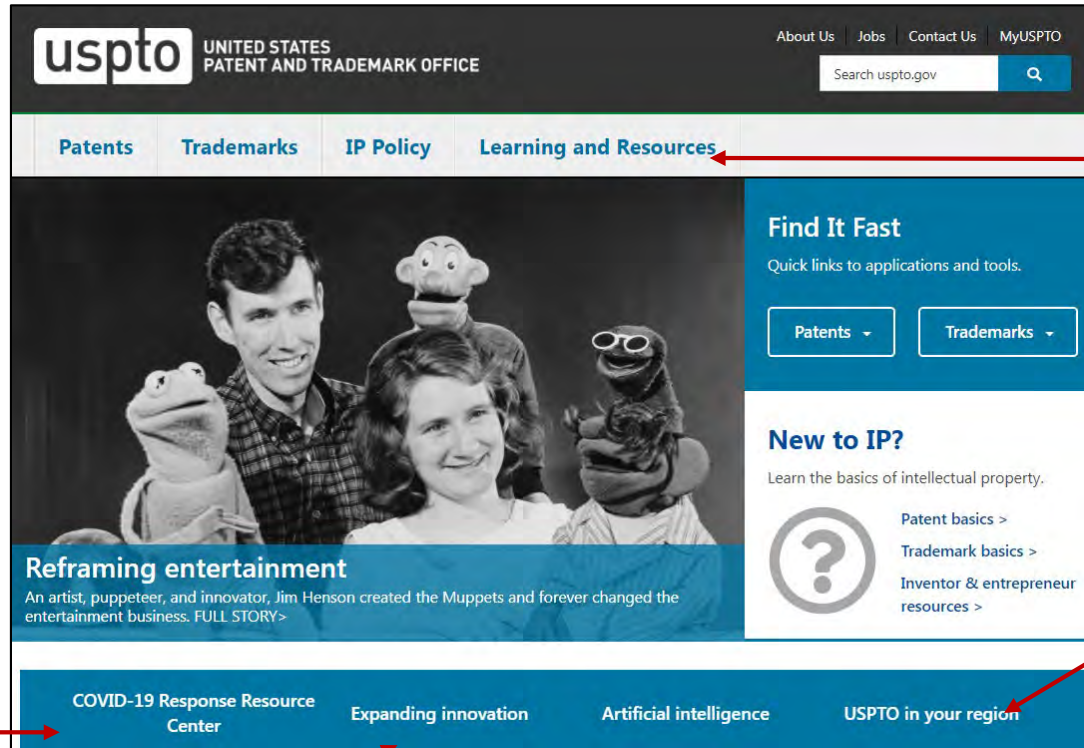
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IP awareness assessment tool	<a href="http://www.uspto.gov/inventors/assessment">www.uspto.gov/inventors/assessment</a>
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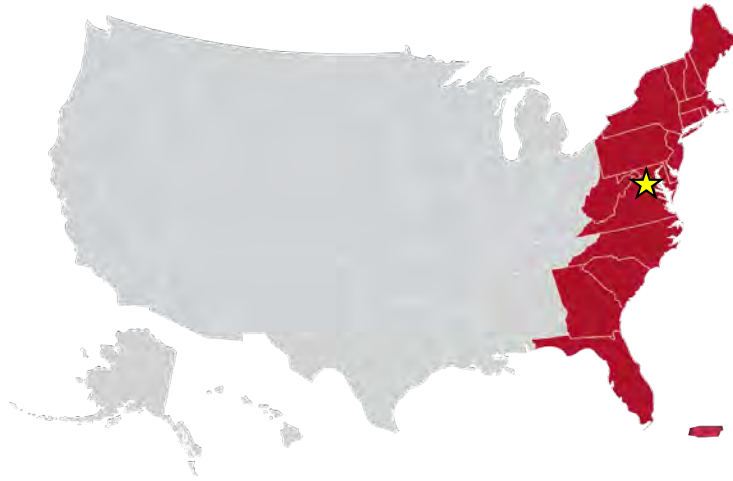
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- Patent Pro Bono Program
- Law school clinics
- Patent and Trademark Resource Centers

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- U.S. and international IP policy development
- Oversight and management of USPTO operational functions
- Stakeholder engagement and training



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  - National Inventors Hall of Fame Museum, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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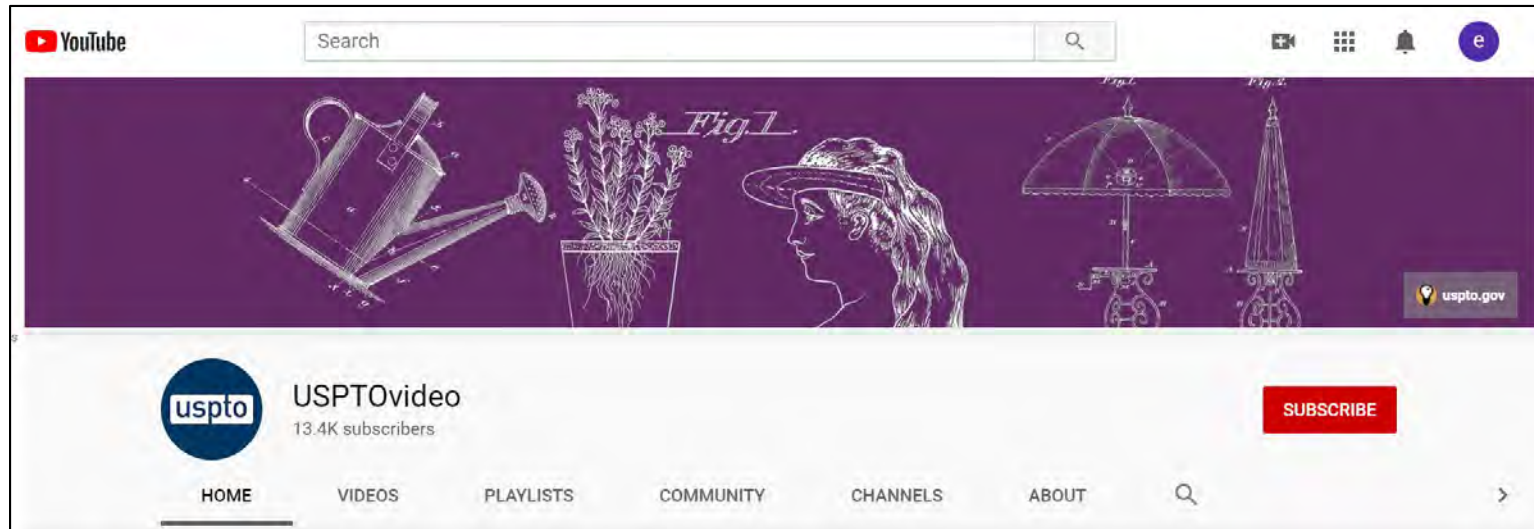
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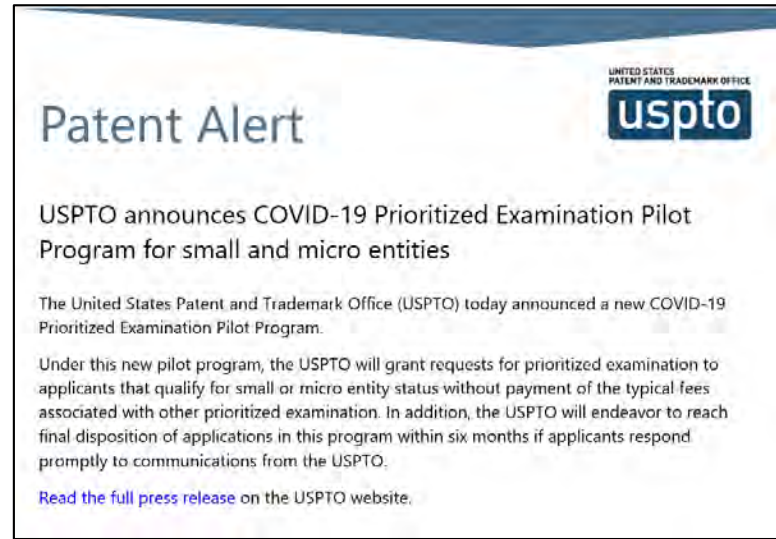




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# USPTO Events Webpage

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Topic	Event Type	Event Title	Format	Time
Patents	Public Events	Learn about remote hearings	Virtual	12:00 PM ET
Patents	Public Events	Attend the 14th Annual Design Day	Virtual	1:00 PM ET
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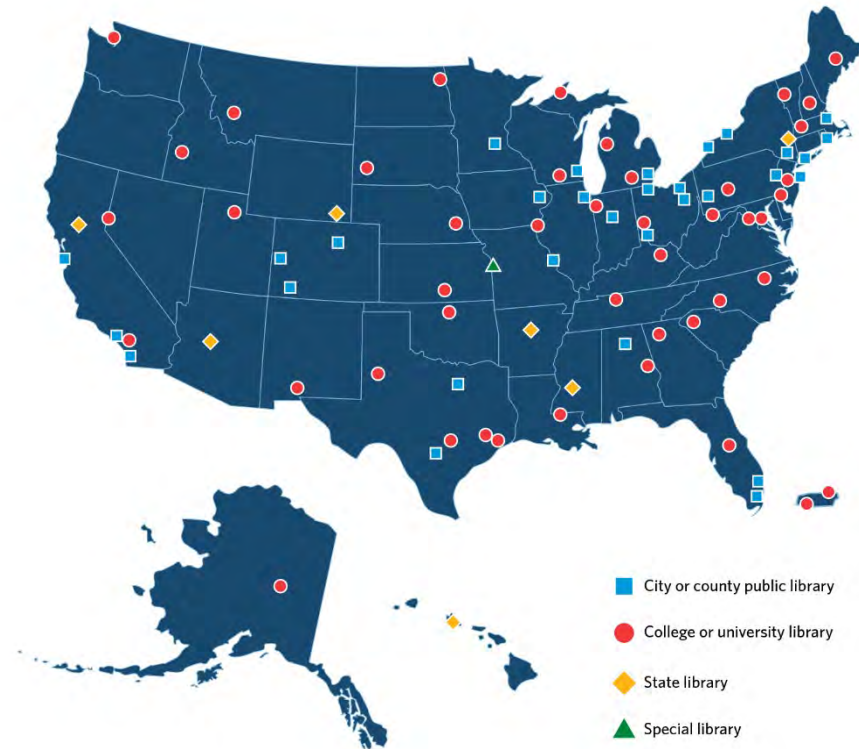
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# Glossary of patent terms

- **Utility**—a credible use for a particular purpose of the claimed invention
- **Metes and bounds**—the claim scope which determines the legal limits of patent property rights
- **Person having ordinary skill in the art (PHOSITA)**—a hypothetical person who is presumed to have the capability of understanding the scientific and engineering principles applicable to the pertinent art
- **Patentable**—subject matter that is able to be patented
- **Allowable**—subject matter that meets all statutory requirements



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