

Intellectual property: creating business assets and getting them to market

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USPTO

Patents Initiatives

- First Action Interview Pilot
- Track 1 Examination
- “COPA” – Clearing Old Patent Applications
 - 257,642 COPA First Actions Completed by 9/30/11
- America Invents Act
 - http://www.uspto.gov/aia_implementation/index.jsp

Ombudsman Program

- Pilot began April 6, 2010
- Preparing Federal Register Notice to announce permanent program
- To date over 600 inquiries addressed within an average of 2 business days
- ombudsmanprogram@uspto.gov

Office of Innovation Development

- New Office established March 2011
- Outreach to small business/entrepreneurs
- Conferences and Symposia
- Online Chats
- Inventor Assistance Center
- Pro bono/Low bono Program