**Thank you for taking a course through the Pre-Application Assessment Pilot Program.  In an effort to improve our training courses, please complete this short 5-minute survey.  Your voluntary response is confidential and data will be analyzed in aggregated form only.**

**For questions regarding the purpose of the survey, contact SETD@uspto.gov.  If you encounter any problems with the survey instrument, contact Michael Easdale (michael.easdale@uspto.gov).**

**Thank you in advance for your honest feedback in this important survey.**

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## Training Sections

1. When thinking about the course content and presentations for the main topics; Introduction to Patents and Conducting a U.S. Patent Search, please rate the <u>sequence</u> of the lessons in terms of being difficult or easy to follow.

| | Very difficult to follow | Somewhat difficult to follow | Somewhat easy and logical to follow | Very easy and logical to follow |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Introduction to Patents | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Conducting a U.S. Patent Search | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |

2. When thinking about the course content and presentations for the main topics, Introduction to Patents and Conducting a U.S. Patent Search, how relevant were the <u>training materials</u> to your situation?

| | Not at all relevant | Somewhat relevant | Reasonably relevant | Very relevant |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Introduction to Patents | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Conducting a U.S. Patent Search | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |

3. Please rate the adequacy of the time devoted to each main topic in the <u>group sessions</u>?

| | Too little | Just right | Too much |
|---|---|---|---|
| Introduction to Patents | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Conducting a U.S. Patent Search | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Legal counsel Options | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| First time Filers | ○ | ○ | ○ |

4. Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements regarding time spent working <u>one-on-one</u> with a USPTO Trainer. (Please remember, representatives do not provide legal advice nor official ruling of patentability.)

| | Disagree strongly | Disagree somewhat | Agree somewhat | Agree strongly | N/A (did not participate in a 1 on 1 breakout) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| I was provided with enough information to conduct a preliminary patent search for my invention. | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| I received enough practice and feedback that applied to my situation. | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| I had enough time to cover my questions. | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| I am better able to apply the course knowledge and skills based on the time spent with a representative. | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |

5. Please rate the overall effectiveness of the <u>one-on-one</u> breakout sessions.

○ Not at all effective      ○ Somewhat effective      ○ Reasonably effective      ○ Very effective

○ N/A (did not participate in a 1 on 1 breakout)

6. How well do you feel you understand the knowledge and concepts taught in the course?

○ I have little understanding, with some confusion and/or blind spots.     ○ I have a basic familiarity

○ I have a solid understanding     ○ I have a comprehensive understanding

7. Please rate your confidence level in using the knowledge and skills gained from this course to assess your invention using public search tools.

○ Not confident at all     ○ Somewhat confident     ○ Reasonably confident     ○ Very confident

8. Based on this learning experience, my next steps after this course may be (check all that apply):

☐ Contact the Patent Pro Bono program for support

☐ Contact a law school clinic

☐ Contact a licensed patent attorney or agent

☐ Rework my invention

☐ Continue searching for prior art

☐ Sign up for additional USPTO training courses

☐ I plan to submit a patent application

☐ I do not plan on submitting a patent application

☐ Other (please specify)

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9. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the course:

○ Very dissatisfied     ○ Dissatisfied     ○ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied     ○ Satisfied

○ Very satisfied

* 10. How likely will you be to recommend this course to someone else?

○ Would not recommend     ○ Recommend if substantive changes made     ○ Likely to recommend

○ Recommend with no hesitation

## Changes Needed

11. What changes would you recommend to improve the course?

## Conclusion

12. What other topics would you like to see be made available through the Stakeholder Education and Training Division?

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13. Please provide any additional comments you might have concerning the Pre-Application Assessment Pilot Program course.

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**Thank you for taking the Pre-Application Assessment Pilot Program course and completing our survey. Your responses will help us to evaluate and, if necessary, improve the course.**

**Clicking 'Done' below will submit your answers, close the survey window, and redirect you to the external USPTO website.**

**When you are satisfied that your responses are complete, click 'Done'.**