USPTO Offices

Midwest – Detroit, MI
- Elijah J. McCoy
- Opened July 2012

Rocky Mountain – Denver, CO
- Byron G. Rogers
- Federal Building
- Opened July 2014

West Coast – Silicon Valley
- San Jose City Hall
- Opened October 2015

Texas – Dallas, TX
- Terminal Annex
- Federal Building
- Opened Nov. 2015
Regional Office Expansion

Three primary goals:

1. Bring USPTO services to the region
   ... to improve access for stakeholders

2. Attract, hire and retain top talent
   ... to help keep backlogs low and quality high

3. Serve as a hub of outreach and education
   ... to support the innovation ecosystem
Partnering with universities:

- **Guest lectures** and education programs delivered by USPTO officials on intellectual property

- **Co-sponsored community events** related to intellectual property

- **Workshops, trainings, conferences, and roundtables** focused on research, innovation and technology

- **Sharing your expertise** as guest lecturer with patent examiners working on emerging technologies
Partnering with universities:

Continued

• **On campus recruiting** for patent examiner positions across the country

• **Externship and internship** programs for students and veterans

• **Law School Clinic Certification** Program giving students experience in patent and trademark law

• **STEM Education** programs with an emphasis on innovative learning
Working with Startups

Programs for the Innovation Community designed to:

• **Increase Awareness of Intellectual Property**
  – IP Strategy **IS** a Business Strategy

• **Identify Risks of Early Public Disclosure**
  – U.S. is now a First Inventor to File System
    • Understanding the Grace Period
  – Loss of rights internationally
    • % foreign filing
  – Crowdfunding Campaigns
    • Disclosure vs. On Sale Bar issues?

• **Where to get help?**
Resources

- Inventor resources: www.uspto.gov/inventors/patents.jsp
- Micro Entity Limit: www.uspto.gov/patents/law/micro_entity.jsp
- Pro Bono help and video about patents: www.uspto.gov/inventors/proseprobono
- First Inventor to File: www.uspto.gov/aia_implementation/patents.jsp#heading-10
- Law School Clinic Program: www.uspto.gov/ip/boards/oed/practitioner/agents/law_school_pilot.jsp
Thank You

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