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The Silicon Valley Office *Establishing a Regional Presence*

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USPTO Offices



Detroit

- Operational since July 2012

Denver

- Byron G. Rogers Federal Building
- Opened July 2014

Silicon Valley

- San Jose City Hall
- Opened Oct. 2015

Dallas

- Terminal Annex Federal Building
- Opened Nov. 2015



Silicon Valley USPTO





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IT STARTS WITH AN IDEA

America's largest state has strong innovative spirit, with more than 80% of the state's issued patents belonging to independent inventors.

PROTECTING INNOVATION

Over 11 million maritime containers arrive annually at ports across the country, like the Seattle and Tacoma seaports. Each year, U.S. enforcement officials seize over a billion dollars worth of products that infringe U.S. patents, trademarks, and copyrights.

A MARKED DIFFERENCE

Originally costing only \$35 to register, the registered Nike "Swoosh logo" has helped spur competition and a multi-billion dollar shoe and apparel industry in Oregon.

THE EPICENTER OF INNOVATION

Silicon Valley has long acted as the world's innovation incubator, with 1 in 8 patents issued to U.S. applicants from the region. Fueling dreams, California also leads the country as the state with the most issued patents in the high tech and biotechnology industries.

PROGRESS OF SCIENCE

The USPTO helps protect the creations and discoveries of innovators across the region's diverse ecosystem, with programs tailored to various communities - from startups and entrepreneurs to the 22 federally recognized American Indian tribes and nations in Arizona.

INNOVATION IS NOT A GAME

The largest sector of issued patents from Nevada relates to entertainment and gaming with more patents issued to amusement devices than any other state.

TRADEMARKS IN THE TROPICS

Kona Coffee is a registered U.S. geographic certification mark, but Hawaiian Tropic is a registered U.S. trademark. Come inside and discover the difference.



Outreach services will provide:

- **Walk-in services** to obtain information about the USPTO
- **Workstations for searching** patents and trademarks
- **A regional focus** for workshops, just-in-time training, conferences and roundtables (at all levels)
- **Office hours** for strategic partners like Small Business Development Centers and the Export Assistance Center

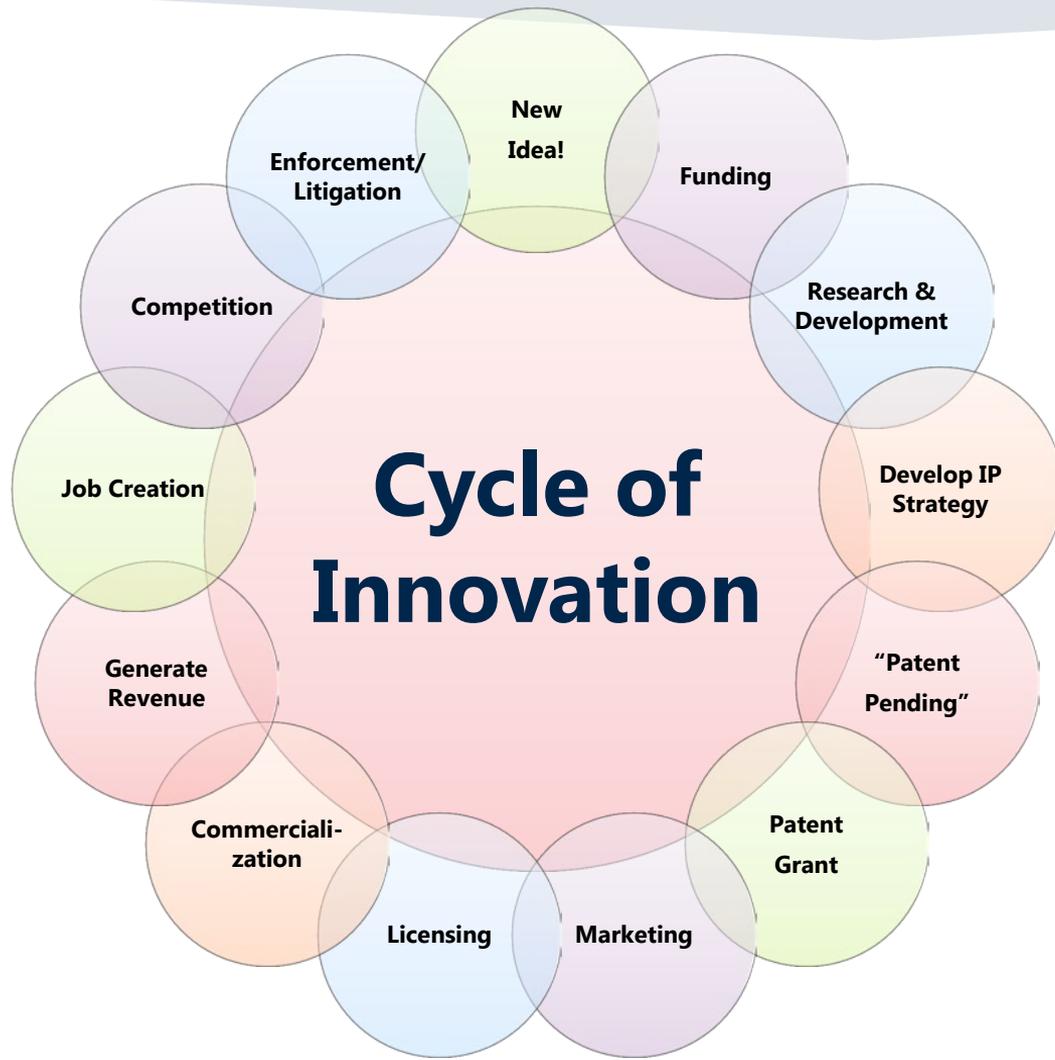
Outreach services will provide:

- **A hearing room** to host Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) and Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB) proceedings – including remote access
- **Interview rooms** to connect applicants to examiners working in the region, at HQ or across the country
- **Remote Training Capability** from local experts to all patent examiners in their specialized technical fields

Approximately 125 Employees

- ~ 80 Patent Examiners
- ~ 25+ Patent Trial and Appeal Board Judges
- + Outreach and Administrative Team





Regional Focus for Workshops

- For All Levels – From K-12 to IP professionals
- From basic facts to updates on law and procedure
- Stakeholder roundtables & roadshows
- Inventor conferences w/ focus on startups
- Tech Specific Partnership Meetings
 - Software, BioTech, CyberTech
- Proctored USPTO Webinars
- Lunch & Learn Programs
- International programs
- 1 on 1 assistance, both in-person and virtually
- Just-in-time programming (FITF, §101, Paralegal Workshops, etc.)
- Co-host programs with strategic community partners



Recent Outreach @ SV USPTO

- Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting
- VC Roundtable
- Patent Litigation Roundtable
- Patent Examiner Town Hall
- Silicon Valley Startup Seminar
- Open House for City of San Jose employees
- 20 new patent examiners started training
- Tour for women's group of former local elected officials
- Outreach assistance for more than 100 walk-in visitors
- Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker visit
- AutoTech Council roundtable with Secretary Pritzker
- Patent Quality Chat Webinar and Facilitated Discussion
- Hosted WIPO Alternative Dispute Resolution roundtable
- Info Session: Ombudsman, Prior Art Search and Interview Practice
- Trademark Tuesday "Lunch and Learn"
- Patent Basics "Lunch and Learn"
- Hosted Chinese and Polish delegations
- PTAB AIA hearing
- Virtual Interviews



Questions and Comments

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