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Dated: March 14, 2014.

**Susan K. Fawcett,**  
Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief  
Information Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### United States Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. PTO-C-2014-0017]

#### National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Evaluation Committee Charter Renewal

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and  
Trademark Office, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Services Administration, renewed the Charter for the National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Evaluation Committee on February 28, 2014.

**DATES:** The Charter for the National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Evaluation Committee was renewed on February 28, 2014.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Palafoutas, Program Manager, National Medal of Technology and Innovation Program, United States Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; telephone (571) 272-9821 or by electronic mail at [nmti@uspto.gov](mailto:nmti@uspto.gov). Information is also available

at <http://www.uspto.gov/about/nmti/index.jsp>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Services Administration, renewed the Charter for the National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Evaluation Committee (NMTI Committee) on February 28, 2014. The NMTI Committee was established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act and provides advice to the Secretary of Commerce regarding recommendations of nominees for the National Medal of Technology and Innovation (Medal). The duties of the NMTI Committee are solely advisory in nature. Nominations for this Medal are solicited through an open, competitive, and nationwide call for nominations, and the NMTI Committee members are responsible for reviewing the nominations received. The NMTI Committee members are distinguished experts in the private and public sectors with experience in, or an understanding of, the promotion of technology, technological innovation, and/or the development of technological manpower. The NMTI Committee evaluates the nominees and forwards its recommendations, through the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property, to the Secretary of Commerce who, in turn, forwards her recommendations for the Medal to the President.

Dated: March 12, 2014.

**Michelle K. Lee,**  
Deputy Undersecretary of Commerce for  
Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of  
the United States Patent and Trademark  
Office.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### United States Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. PTO-P-2014-0013]

#### Request for Comments and Notice of Roundtable Event on the Use of Crowdsourcing and Third-Party Preissuance Submissions To Identify Relevant Prior Art

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and  
Trademark Office, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting;  
request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (Office) is hosting a

roundtable event to solicit public opinions regarding the use of crowdsourcing and third-party preissuance submissions to identify relevant prior art and enhance the quality of examination as well as the quality of issued patents. Members of the public are invited to participate. The roundtable will provide a forum for an informal discussion of the topics identified in this notice. Written comments in response to these topics also are requested.

**DATES:** *Event:* The roundtable event will be held on April 10, 2014, beginning at 12:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), and ending at 5:00 p.m. EDT.

*Registration:* Registration to attend the roundtable in person or via webcast is required by April 4, 2014. Additionally, members of the public who wish to participate in the roundtable as a speaker must do so by request in writing no later than March 27, 2014. See the "Event Registration Information" section of this notice for additional details on how to register.

*Comments:* Any member of the public, whether attending the roundtable or not, may submit written comments on any of the topics identified in part III of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section, below, for consideration by the Office. Written comments must be received on or before April 25, 2014, to ensure consideration. Persons submitting written comments should note that the Office will not provide a response because this notice is not a notice of proposed rulemaking. Written comments should be sent by electronic mail addressed to [CrowdsourcingRoundtable2014@uspto.gov](mailto:CrowdsourcingRoundtable2014@uspto.gov). Comments also may be submitted by postal mail addressed to: Mail Stop Comments—Patents, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, marked to the attention of Nicole Dretar Haines. Although comments may be submitted by postal mail, the Office prefers to receive comments by electronic mail.

Comments will be available for public inspection via the Office's Internet Web site at [http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init\\_events/index.jsp](http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/index.jsp), and at the Office of the Commissioner for Patents, located in Madison East, Tenth Floor, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, upon request. Because comments will be available for public inspection, information that is not desired to be made public, such as an address or phone number, should not be included in the comments.