

claim that complies with the eligibility requirements of this notice (that is, the claim does not cover a product or process that mitigates climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions); (2) The application claims the benefit of the filing date of two or more prior filed applications that are nonprovisional U.S. applications and/or international applications designating the United States; and (3) The petition was not filed with the application or entry into the national stage under 35 U.S.C. 371 or within 30 days of the application's filing date or national stage entry date.

Part III. Requirement for Restriction

If the claims in the application are directed to multiple inventions, the examiner may make a requirement for restriction or unity of invention in accordance with current restriction practice. The examiner will attempt to contact the applicant following the procedure for the telephone restriction practice set forth in MPEP § 812.01. If a telephone restriction requirement is made, applicant must make an election without traverse to an invention that meets the eligibility requirements of this notice. If applicant refuses to make an election (for example, by failing to reply to a request for a telephonic interview within five business days of the examiner's request), the special status of the application will be terminated and the examiner may mail a written restriction requirement.

Part IV. Office Actions and Replies Under the Pilot Program

Applications that are accorded special status under the pilot program will be placed on an examiner's special docket until a first office action on the merits.

After the first office action on the merits, the application will be placed on the examiner's regular docket.

A reply to an office action must be fully responsive to the rejections, objections, and requirements made by the examiner. Any amendment filed in reply to an office action may be treated as not fully responsive if it attempts to: (1) Add claims that would result in more than three independent claims or more than 20 total claims pending in the application; (2) add any multiple dependent claim(s); or (3) cancel all claims that meet the requirements of the pilot program (that is, the application no longer contains any claims that cover a product or process that reduces greenhouse gas emissions and thereby mitigate climate change). If a reply to a nonfinal office action is not fully responsive because it does not comply with the pilot claim requirements but is a *bona fide* attempt to advance the

application to final action, the examiner may, at their discretion, provide a shortened statutory period of two (2) months for the applicant to supply a fully responsive reply. Extensions of this time period under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to the notice of nonresponsive amendment will be permitted, but in no case can any extension carry the date for reply to this notice beyond the maximum period of SIX MONTHS set by statute (35 U.S.C. 133). However, any further nonresponsive amendment typically will not be treated as *bona fide*, and therefore, the time period set in the prior notice will continue to run.

Part V. After-Final and Appeal Procedures

Any amendment, affidavit, or other evidence after a final office action and prior to appeal must comply with 37 CFR 1.116. During the appeal process, the application will be treated in accordance with the normal appeal procedure (see MPEP Chapter 1200).

Part VI. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process

If an application becomes involved in proceedings outside the normal examination process (for example, a secrecy order, derivation proceeding, or petitions under 37 CFR 1.181–1.183), the USPTO will place the application in special status under the pilot program before and after such proceedings. During those proceedings, however, the application will not be under special status. For example, while under a secrecy order, the application will be treated in accordance with the normal secrecy order procedures and will not be in special status under the pilot program. Once the proceeding outside the normal examination process is completed, the application will continue in special status as described above in this notice.

Part VII. Withdrawal From the Pilot Program

There is no provision for withdrawal from the pilot program. An applicant may abandon an application that has been granted special status under the pilot program in favor of a continuing application. However, a continuing application will not automatically be granted special status based on the petition filed in the parent application. Each application (including each continuing application) must, on its own, meet all requirements for special status under the pilot program, and be

accompanied by its own petition as detailed in Part I (2) above.

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Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Deletions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed deletion from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to delete a service(s) from the Procurement List that was furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

DATES: *Comments must be received on or before:* July 3, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 1401 S Clark Street, Suite 715, Arlington, Virginia 22202–4149.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or to submit comments contact: Michael R. Jurkowski, Telephone: (703) 785–6404, or email CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 8503 (a)(2) and 41 CFR 51–2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed actions.

Deletions

The following service is proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

Service(s)

Service Type: Janitorial/Custodial Service
Mandatory for: U.S. Army Reserve, New Kensington Memorial USARC/BMA 106, 2450 Leechburg Road, New Kensington, PA

Designated Source of Supply: Beaver County Association for the Blind, Beaver Falls, PA

Contracting Activity: DEPT OF THE ARMY, W6QK ACC–PICA

Michael R. Jurkowski,

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