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## USPTO WEB SITE ACCESS VIA UPWS

The USPTO web site [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) is now accessible via the UPWS workstations as **iPTOweb**. Users may navigate within the site, read the latest information listed about the USPTO, and print desired information.

Favorite pages that are frequently updated such as the Attorney Roster, Employee Locator, and Manual of Patent Examining Practice (MPEP) have been bookmarked. Use CTRL+B for the bookmark list. Links to external web sites are not permitted. E-Mail and downloading are not available.

Tips for using the web site through the UPWS:

1. To print, press CTRL+P.
2. To move back one screen, press the ALT+ left arrow (←).

A handout for accessing and using the iPTOweb feature on UPWS is available in the PSR and PSIRF.

## 24 NEW UPWS WORKSTATIONS INSTALLED IN PSR

Twenty-four new UPWS workstations were installed in the Patent Search Room (PSR) July 3, 2003. This now provides 118 UPWS workstations in the PSR, plus 23 in the PSIRF, plus miscellaneous stand alone systems, for a total of 147 patent search computers.

## NEW MEMBERS NAMED TO PATENT PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Commerce Secretary Donald Evans named three new members to the Patent Public Advisory Committee in late July 2003. The new members are Rick D. Nydegger of Salt Lake City, Utah; Andrew Dillon of Austin, Texas; and Howard Klein of Irvine, California. Mr. Nydegger will serve as the Chair for the advisory committee. He is currently the President-Elect of AIPLA and Chairman of the Board of the National Inventors Hall of Fame. Members of the Patent Public Advisory Committee serve three year terms.

## UNATTENDED WORKSTATIONS

Please be considerate of other public users wanting to get on a UPWS workstation. If you leave the workstation, please save your workspace and logoff so that others can use the workstation.

Breaks of five minutes to take a phone call, or go to the restroom are reasonable. However, leaving personal belongings at a computer with a running session for an extended period can result in the PSR staff terminating your session if other people are in-line for a workstation. While every attempt at saving your workspace will be made, if you do not have space for a saved workspace you will run the risk of losing your search.

<i>PATENT SEARCH BRANCH FACILITIES</i>			
<u>Facilities</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Public Search Room (PSR)	CP3/4 Lobby	Weekdays 8:00AM -8:00PM	(703) 305-4463
Patent Search and Image Retrieval Facility (PSIRF)	CM1 1A02	Weekdays 8:00AM-5:00PM	(703) 308-6001

## EAST AND WEST TRAINING

The voluntary EAST and WEST training is recommended to new users of the Public Search Room (PSR) and also to current users who are having difficulty. EAST and WEST training classes are offered once a month, generally on the first Wednesday and Thursday.

WEST training is recommended for those who are not well experienced with on-line database searching, Boolean logic, Windows, keyboards or the use of a mouse. This is a 7 hour course from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

EAST training is a faster paced class for users already experienced with on-line database searching and Boolean logic. The main focus of EAST training is to teach the text searching and browser window interface. This is a 3-1/2 hour course from 8:30 AM to 12:00 noon.

EAST and WEST access the same database and use the same search logic. Differences are in the interface. WEST is web-based and EAST is computer based. WEST is somewhat more intuitive and easier to use; EAST is more robust.

Training registration forms are available at the On-Line Desk in the PSR. A \$25 fee, which must accompany the registration form, enrolls one person in a class and provides one training manual. Class size is limited to six individuals. The fee is non-refundable.

Individual training is also available with an instructor. The cost for individual instruction is \$120 for a 3 hour one-on-one session.

PSR staff also provide reasonable individual assistance for public users at the UPWS computers and make available tip sheets and search guides, all without fees.

## REFILING PATENTS

Please remember to return any patent bundles you use to the stacks where you retrieved them. All patent bundles should be refiled to the proper stack and case by the end of the day.

## PATENT FEES REVISED

The revised patent fee schedule to go into effect October 1, 2003 is now available. The schedule was published in the *Federal Register*, July 14, 2003 (68 FR 41532), and in notices of *Official Gazette*, August 5, 2003.

## HOLIDAY

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office will be closed on Monday, September 1, 2003 in observance of Labor Day.

## PATENT STATUS REPORT

The paper numerical set of patents is available on date of issue. The paper weekly Official Gazette (OG) ceased publication September 24, 2002; the electronic version eOG is available on day of issue. Weekly Notices of Suit are available every Monday.

Patents on microfilm cover through:

Utility	6,009,554	Dec	28,	1999
Design	D418,272	Dec	28,	1999
Reissue	RE36,478	Dec	28,	1999
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