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Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Status Report

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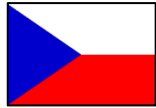
28 PPH Partners

- **IP5 PPH**
 - European Patent Office (EPO)
 - Japan Patent Office (JPO)
 - Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO)
 - State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO)
- **Global PPH**
- **8 Bilateral Agreements**

Bilateral PPH Agreements



Colombia (SIC)



Czech Republic (IPOCZ)



Germany (DPMA)



Mexico (IMPI)



Nicaragua (NRIP)



Philippines (IPOP)



Poland (UPRP)*



Taiwan (TIPO)

Note: * Bilateral agreement with GPPH

PPH Benefits

	First Action Allowance	Overall Allowance	Actions per Disposal	RCEs
PPH Applications	23%	82%	2.6	12%
Non-PPH Applications	13%	68%	3.7	25%

Potential Applicant Cost Savings

Responses

Minimal Complexity Average Cost per response to Action - **\$2,297****

Complex Average Cost per response to Action - **\$3,329****

Fees

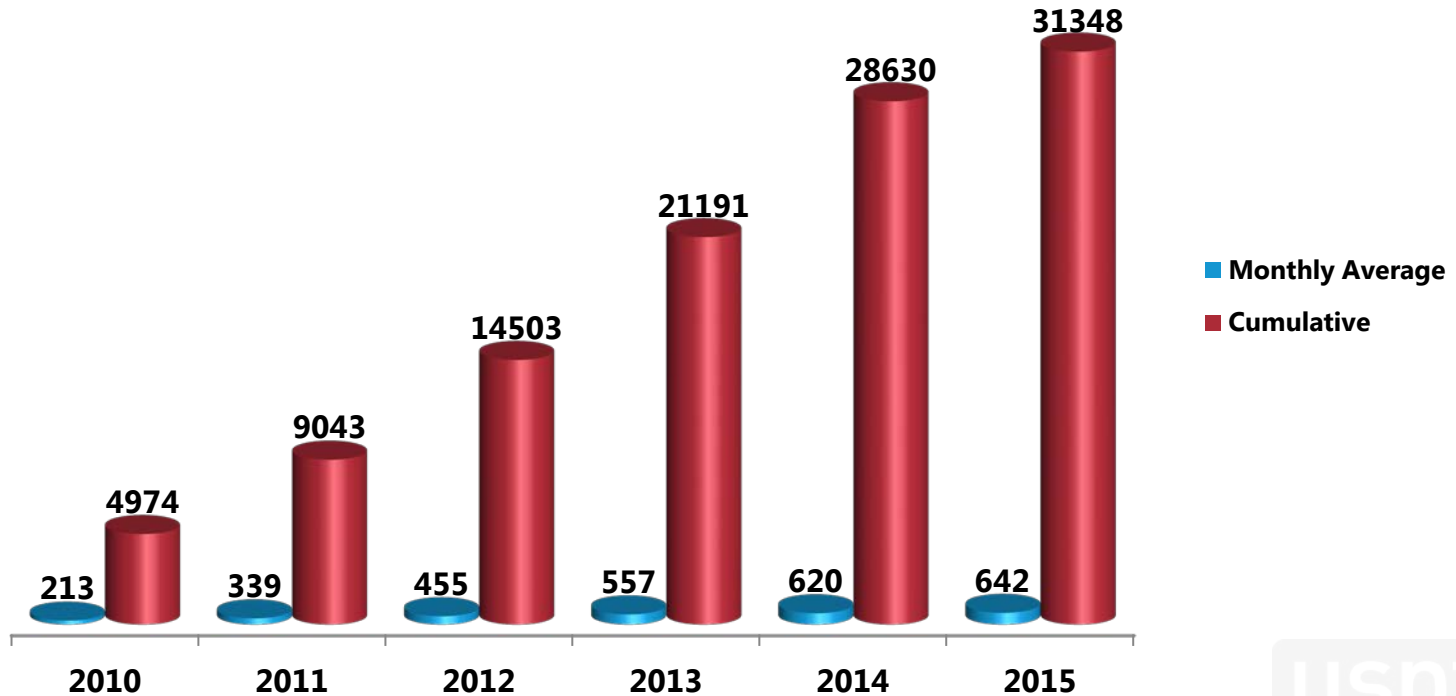
Reduction in need for RCE - **\$1,200**

Reduction in Appeal Related Fees - **\$2,800**

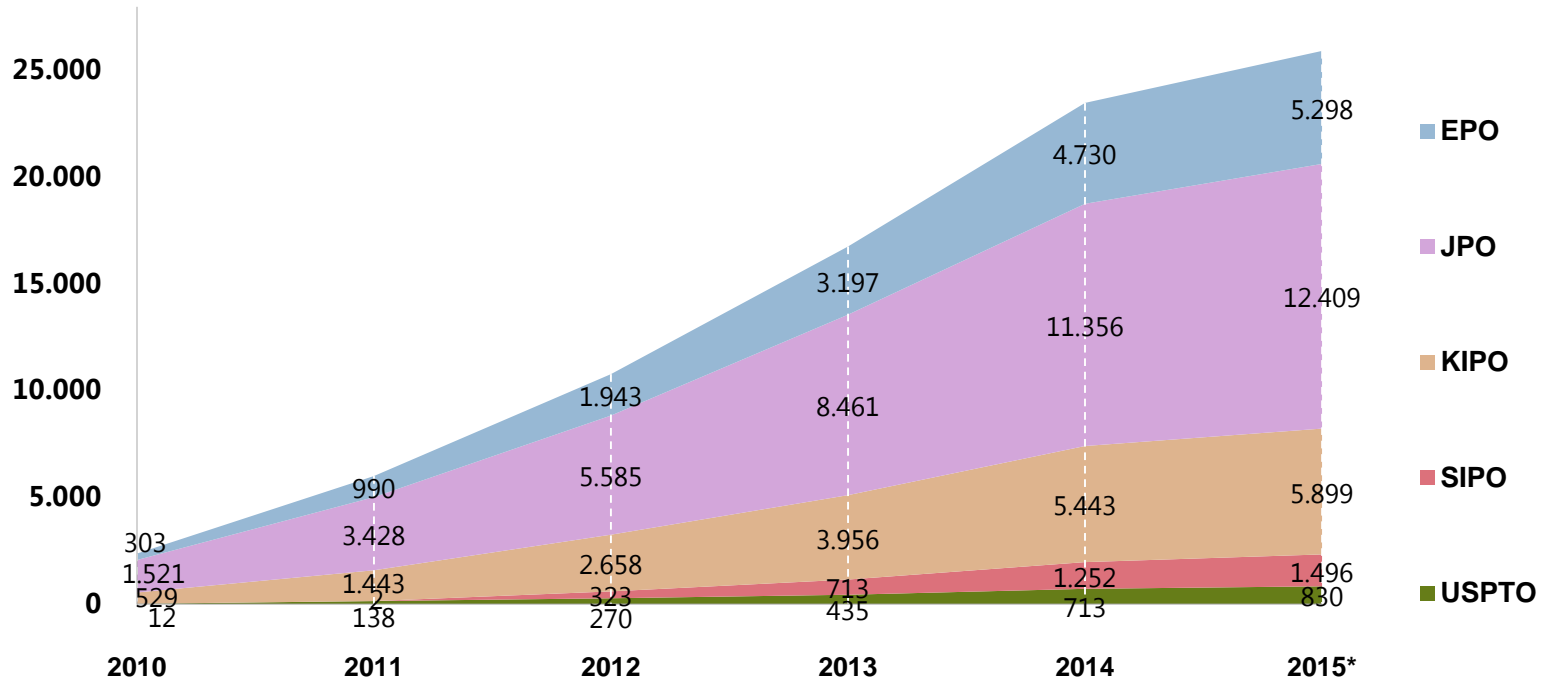
**** Estimates are based on 2013 cost savings data from the AIPLA Report of the Economic Survey**

PPH Program Growth

Requests to Enter the PPH Program



Cumulative PPH Requests 2010 – 2015 from the IP5 Offices



*as of April 2015



The Work Continues

- Common PPH request form implemented
- Research to identify improvements:
 - Reuse studies
 - Stakeholder survey
- Outreach: increase awareness and educate
- On-going cooperation with PPH partners

For More Information

- For general information concerning PPH, visit www.uspto.gov/web/patents/pph/index.html.
- If you have specific questions about PPH, please e-mail PPHfeedback@uspto.gov.

