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Active Component
Inter-Office Document Sharing
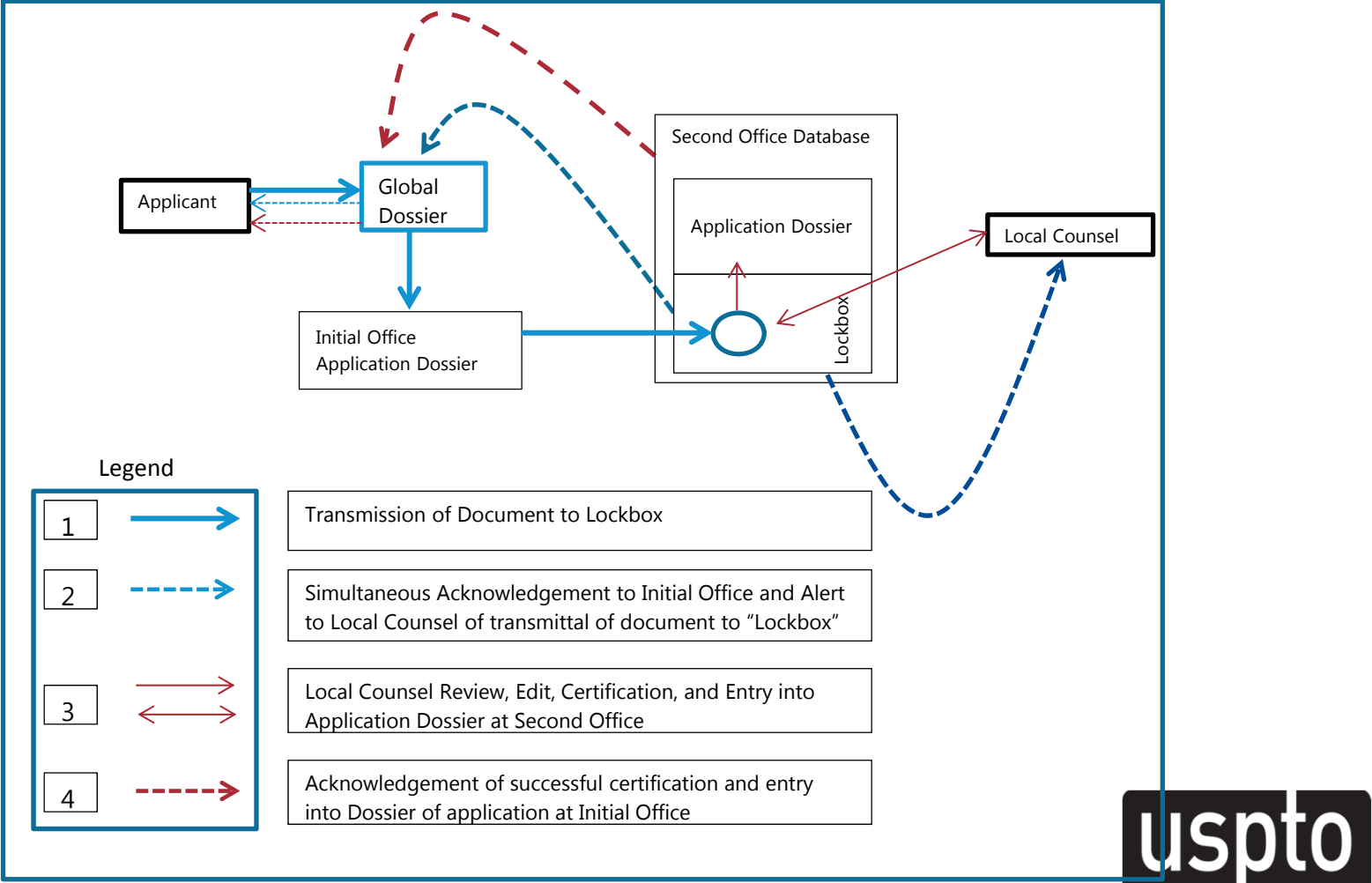
Purpose

- To provide a mechanism to allow applicants to enter documents from an application into the file wrapper of related applications filed at other IP5 Offices through Global Dossier

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Lockbox

Applicant

Global Dossier

Initial Office Application Dossier

Second Office Database

Application Dossier

Lockbox

Local Counsel

Legend

1	——→	Transmission of Document to Lockbox
2	--→	Simultaneous Acknowledgement to Initial Office and Alert to Local Counsel of transmittal of document to "Lockbox"
3	→ ←	Local Counsel Review, Edit, Certification, and Entry into Application Dossier at Second Office
4	--→	Acknowledgement of successful certification and entry into Dossier of application at Initial Office

Lockbox Workflow

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Possible Implementations

- 141 data with EPO
- PPH forms
- Supporting documents for Collaborative Search Pilot (JPO, KIPO, and USPTO)

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Challenges

- Authentication
- Security
- Document Validation
- Handling of unpublished data

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