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Topics for Discussion

- Overview of the Office of the Chief Economist (OCE)
- Contributions to USPTO priorities
- Research work and findings on IP
- Stakeholder support and engagement

Overview of OCE

- Established in 2010 to advise the Director and Chief Policy Officer
- Accomplished in four primary ways:
 1. By providing deep analytical capabilities
 2. By undertaking research and analysis
 3. By monitoring and interpreting quantitative work
 4. By promoting understanding through better data

Overview of OCE

- OCE is part of the Office of Policy and International Affairs (OPIA)
- OCE's analytic capacity and research work:
 - Builds the evidence-base for effective IP policy
 - Promotes USPTO collaboration
 - Informs stakeholders through briefings, peer-reviewed articles, working papers, and reports

Contributions to USPTO priorities

o Internal priorities:

- The USPTO fee setting process (elasticity estimates)
- The Patent Examination Time Analysis (ETA) initiative
- Thomas Alva Edison Visiting Scholars Program
- Requests from other business units

Contributions to USPTO priorities

○ External priorities:

- Initiatives from the White House
- Responses to Congress
- Responses to U.S. Government agencies and international organizations

Research: IP-intensive Industries

- These studies compare economic performance indicators across U.S. industries based on IP use
 - March 2012: “Intellectual Property and the U.S. Economy: Industries in Focus” report by USPTO/ESA
 - » Stimulated similar studies in Europe, China and other countries
 - September 2016: “Intellectual Property and the U.S. Economy: 2016 Update” report by USPTO/ESA
 - » Used by the White House, Congress, U.S. Government agencies, and others

Research: Other Topics

- OCE has many additional reports and working papers. Some of the topics include:
 - Collaboration and ownership on patents issued to Chinese inventors
 - Patent examination quality, court litigation, and PTAB trials
 - A primer on patent prosecution and the examiner appraisal system
 - New metric for patent thickets
 - An anatomy of U.S. firms seeking trademark registration
- For more, go to: <http://www.uspto.gov/economics>

Research: Collaborative Projects

- U.S. Government Collaborations:
 - White House Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator (IPEC)
 - White House Lab-to-Market initiative
 - Office of the U.S. Trade Representative
 - U.S. Small Business Administration
- International Collaborations:
 - UK IPO & USPTO joint economic study
 - WIPO book project on innovation in mineral mining
 - WTO book project on cross-border trade in knowledge

Stakeholder support and engagement

○ Interact with the policy and scholarly communities:

- Northwestern University Searle Center/USPTO Conference on Innovation Economics
- Participate in policy discussions (e.g. The Brookings Institution events)
- OECD Statistics Task Force & WIPO Chief Economists Network

○ Release of user-friendly data resources:

- Public USPTO data sets: <http://www.uspto.gov/economics>
- PatentsView – A unique visualization and analysis platform with over 40 years of USPTO data on granted patents: <https://www.patentsview.org>

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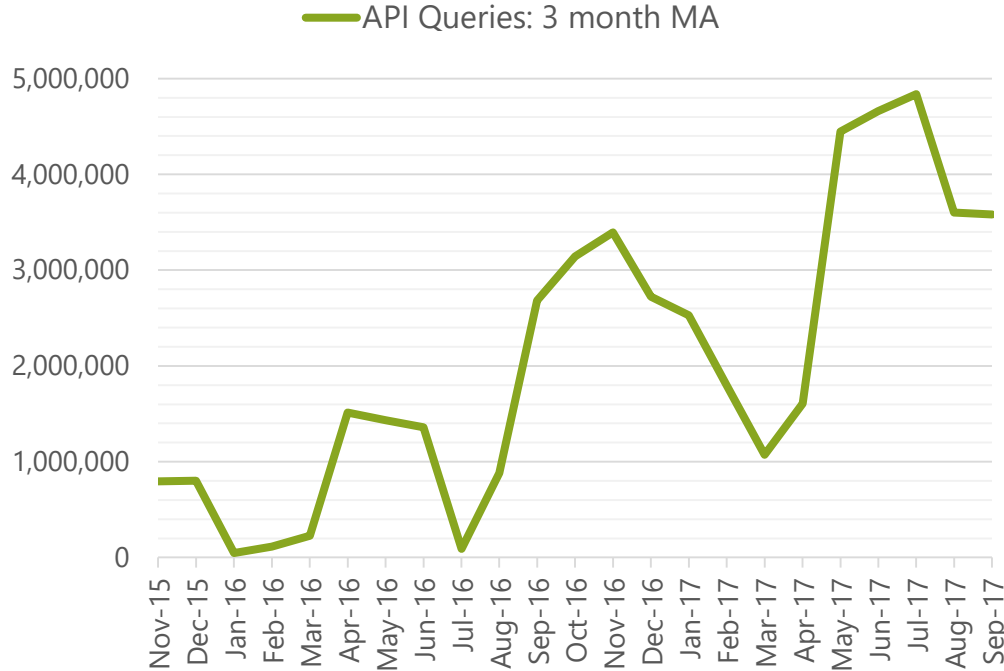


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27.9M total queries in 2017

Questions and Comments

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