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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items included in the tentative agenda are:

9 a.m.–9:15 a.m.

—Call to Order
—Roll Call

9:15 a.m.–9:45 a.m.

—E.O. 14276 and Memorandum from Mr. E. Piñeiro—Miguel A. Rolón

9:45 a.m.–10:45 a.m.

—Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act Requirements for Stocks in Need of Conservation and Management, and Discussion of Modifications to the Reef Fish Fishery Management Units (FMUs)—Sarah Stephenson, NOAA Fisheries/SERO

10:45 a.m.–11 a.m.

—Break

11 a.m.–12 p.m.

—Species in the Management Units of the IBFMPs—Graciela García-Moliner

12 p.m.–1 p.m.

—Lunch Break

1 p.m.–2:30 p.m.

—DAPs Discussion

—St. Thomas/St. John—Julian Magras, Chair
—St. Croix—Gerson Martinez, Chair
—Puerto Rico—Nelson Crespo, Chair

2:30 p.m.–2:45 p.m.

—Break

2:45 p.m.–3:45 p.m.

—Discussion of Actions Proposed by CFMC 187th Meeting

3:45 p.m.–4 p.m.

—Other Business
—Adjourn

Other than the starting date and time, the order of business may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the completion of agenda items, at the discretion of the Chair. The meeting will begin on September 26, 2025 at 9 a.m.

AST, and will end on September 26, 2025, at 4 p.m. AST.

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(Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*)

Dated: September 9, 2025.

Key Israel Marquez,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. PTO-P-2025-0019]

Updated Legal Framework for Patent Electronic System

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) published on its website an updated legal framework for its Patent Electronic System. The updated legal framework defines the USPTO patent electronic filing system requirements, and provides guidance on the relevant statutes, regulations, and policies that support the USPTO's Patent Electronic System. The Patent Electronic System currently comprises Patent Center. Patent Center includes both the USPTO patent electronic filing system, which is a web-based patent application and document submission system, and the USPTO's web-based means for electronically viewing the status of, and documents filed in or associated with, patent applications and proceedings. The updated legal framework also discusses the two-step authentication method now in place for accessing the Patent Electronic System. The updated legal framework serves as a reference for applicants, patentees, parties in reexamination proceedings, attorneys, and agents.

DATES: *Applicability Date:* September 11, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Inquiries regarding the Patent Electronic System and other USPTO information technology (IT) systems may be directed to the Patent Electronic Business Center (Patent EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free) or 571-272-4100, or at ebc@uspto.gov.

Inquiries regarding IT policy for U.S. national patent applications may be directed to Mark Polutta, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Patent Legal Administration, at 571-272-7709; or Gena Jones, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Patent Legal Administration, at 571-272-7727.

Inquiries regarding IT policy for international applications (PCT) may be directed to Tamara Graysay, Special Program Examiner, Office of International Patent Legal Administration, at 571-272-6728.

Inquiries regarding IT policy for international design applications may be directed to Boris Milef, Senior Legal Examiner, Office of International Patent Legal Administration, at 571-272-3288.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 11, 2025, the USPTO published on its website an updated legal framework for its Patent Electronic System. The updated legal framework is available at www.uspto.gov/PatentLegalFramework. The updated legal framework defines the USPTO patent electronic filing system requirements in accordance with 37 CFR 1.6(a)(4), and provides guidance for the relevant statutes, regulations, and policies that support the USPTO's Patent Electronic System. The updated legal framework supersedes all prior versions of the legal framework. Section 502.05 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure will be revised in due course. The following is a brief summary of the major differences introduced by the updated legal framework:

1. Section B has been revised to require registration to use the Patent Electronic System. Section B has also been revised to clarify that third-party documents are prohibited from being filed in applications via the Patent Electronic System, unless specifically authorized and the special dedicated electronic interface, if provided, is used so that information is not directly placed into the application file.

2. Section C has been revised to clarify that the USPTO may identify an alternative electronic filing procedure, if designated by the Director, for new applications, national stage submissions under 35 U.S.C. 371, and/or other patent filings, during an unplanned outage of Patent Center. If an alternative procedure is not indicated, applicants

then should follow the procedure for filing applications as previously set forth. See Filing Patent Applications Electronically During Designated Significant Outages of the United States Patent and Trademark Office Electronic Business Systems, 83 FR 44264 (August 30, 2018).

3. Section D has been revised to clarify that patent applications filed in DOCX format will be validated, and applicants will be provided relevant feedback concerning the format of their applications. Applications filed in DOCX format avoid the non-DOCX surcharge.

4. Section E has been revised to specify that all Patent Electronic System users must be registered users and that users may complete the verification process by mailing the paper verification form, completing the ID.me verification process, or by other methods designated by the Director.

5. Section L has been revised to provide that applications filed on or after July 1, 2022, that disclose a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence as defined in 37 CFR 1.831, including applications claiming the benefit of, or priority to, an application filed before July 1, 2022, containing a sequence listing, must contain a computer readable sequence listing in XML format (“Sequence Listing XML”) in accordance with 37 CFR 1.831 through 1.835.

6. Section O has been added to provide that effective May 24, 2024, plant applications, including drawings or photographs, fees, and follow-on documents, may be filed via the Patent Electronic System.

Coke Morgan Stewart,
Acting Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Acting 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 Additions and Deletions

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

ACTION: Proposed deletions from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to delete products and service(s) from the Procurement List that were furnished by nonprofit agencies

employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before: October 11, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 355 E Street SW, Suite 325, Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or to submit comments contact: Michael R. Jurkowski, Telephone: (703) 489-1322, 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 product(s) and service(s) are proposed for deletion to the Procurement List:

NSN(s)—Product Name(s):

8520-01-522-0831—Refill, Soap, Antibacterial, 2000 mL

Authorized Source of Supply: Travis Association for the Blind, Austin, TX

Contracting Activity: GSA/FSS GREATER SOUTHWEST ACQUISITI

7210-00-682-6503—Mattress, Foam, Polyurethane, Cotton Ticking, Blue Stripes, 75" L x 38" W x 4" H

Authorized Source of Supply: Lions Volunteer Blind Industries, Inc., Morristown, TN

Contracting Activity: GSA/FSS GREATER SOUTHWEST ACQUISITI

8465-01-656-1719—Belt, Individual Equipment, LC-1, Olive Drab, No U.S. Markings, Medium

8465-01-656-1721—Belt, Individual Equipment, LC-1, Olive Drab, No U.S. Markings, Large

Authorized Source of Supply: Mississippi Industries for the Blind, Inc., Jackson, MS

Authorized Source of Supply: Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind, Inc., Winston-Salem, NC

Contracting Activity: DLA TROOP SUPPORT

8415-00-782-2948—Trousers, Cold Weather Water Repellent, Army, Green, XSR

8415-01-099-7853—Trousers, Cold Weather Water Repellent, Army, Printed Black, Brown and Green Camouflage, SR

8415-01-099-7854—Trousers, Cold Weather Water Repellent, Army, Printed Black, Brown and Green Camouflage, SR

8415-01-099-7855—Trousers, Cold Weather Water Repellent, Army, Printed Black, Brown and Green Camouflage, SR

8415-01-099-7856—Trousers, Cold Weather Water Repellent, Army, Printed Black, Brown and Green Camouflage, SL

8415-01-099-7857—Trousers, Cold Weather Water Repellent, Army, Printed Black, Brown and Green Camouflage, MS

8415-01-099-7858—Trousers, Cold Weather Water Repellent, Army, Printed Black, Brown and Green Camouflage, MR

8415-01-099-7859—Trousers, Cold Weather Water Repellent, Army, Printed Black, Brown and Green Camouflage, ML

8415-01-099-7860—Trousers, Cold Weather Water Repellent, Army, Printed Black, Brown and Green Camouflage, LR

8415-01-099-7861—Trousers, Cold Weather Water Repellent, Army, Printed Black, Brown and Green Camouflage, LL

8415-01-099-7862—Trousers, Cold Weather Water Repellent, Army, Printed Black, Brown and Green Camouflage, XLL

8415-01-100-0977—Trousers, Cold Weather Water Repellent, Army, Printed Black, Brown and Green Camouflage, XLR

Authorized Source of Supply: Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc., Miami, FL

Contracting Activity: DLA TROOP SUPPORT 8465-01-012-9174—Clipboard, Pilots

Authorized Source of Supply: Human Technologies Corporation, Utica, NY

Contracting Activity: DLA TROOP SUPPORT 9905-01-661-2144—Flag, Marking, 2½" x 3½", 21" Staff, Fluorescent Pink

9905-01-661-2145—Flag, Marking, 2½" x 3½", 21" Staff, Orange

9905-01-661-2149—Flag, Marking, 2½" x 3½", 21" Staff, Orange

9905-01-661-2153—Flag, Marking, 2½" x 3½", 21" Staff, Yellow

Authorized Source of Supply: West Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, San Angelo, TX

Contracting Activity: GSA/FSS GREATER SOUTHWEST ACQUISITI

7510-01-484-1745—Binder, Round Ring, Polyethylene, Flexible, Blue, 2" Capacity, Letter Size

7510-01-511-4320—Binder, Round Ring, Pockets, Gray, 3" Capacity, Letter Size

7510-01-519-4363—Binder, Round Ring, Clear Overlay, Pockets, Green, 1½" Capacity, Letter Size

Authorized Source of Supply: South Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, Corpus Christi, TX

Contracting Activity: GSA/FAS ADMIN SVCS ACQUISITION BR/2

Contracting Activity: DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, STRATEGIC ACQUISITION CENTER

Service(s)

Service Type: Messenger Services

Mandatory for: DHS CBP, Area Port St. Thomas, USVI

Contracting Activity: U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, BORDER ENFORCEMENT CTR DIV

Service Type: Mailroom Operation

Mandatory for: U.S. Customs Indianapolis Center: 6026 Lakeside Boulevard

Contracting Activity: U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, ADMIN FACILITIES TRAINING CTR DIV

Service Type: Base Supply Center

Mandatory for: Forbes Field Air National Guard Base, Topeka, KS

Contracting Activity: DEPT OF THE ARMY, W7M9 USPFO ACTIVITY KSANG 190

Service Type: BSC/IEE/Hazmat