

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Patent and Trademark Office**

[Docket No.: PTO-P-2022-0001]

Expanded Collaborative Search Pilot Program—New Combined Petition Option For Participation; Withdrawal

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

ACTION: Notice; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: On March 29, 2022, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) published a **Federal Register** Notice concerning a new petition option for participation in the Expanded Collaborative Search Pilot (CSP) Program. The notice is hereby withdrawn.

DATES: The document published at 87 FR 17995 on March 29, 2022, is withdrawal as of April 12, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please direct inquiries regarding any specific application participating in the pilot to Jessica Patterson; Senior Advisor and Director; International Worksharing, Planning, and Implementation; Office of International Patent Cooperation; at 571-272-8828 or Jessica.Patterson@uspto.gov. Please send any inquiries regarding this pilot program and the petition process to msp@uspto.gov. Please direct inquiries concerning this notice to Michael Arguello; Management and Program Analyst; International Worksharing, Planning, and Implementation; Office of International Patent Cooperation; at 571-270-7876 or Michael.Arguello@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 29, 2022, the USPTO published a **Federal Register** Notice concerning a new petition option for participation in the Expanded CSP Program. *See* Expanded Collaborative Search Pilot Program—New Combined Petition Option For Participation, 87 FR 17995. The USPTO inadvertently submitted the notice for publication prematurely. Discussions are continuing with our counterpart offices (the Japan Patent Office and the Korean Intellectual Property Office) to finalize the program's new petition option. Therefore, the USPTO hereby withdraws the notice. The USPTO looks forward to completing its discussions and publishing a forthcoming notice

announcing the effective date and details of the new petition option.

Andrew Hirshfeld,

Commissioner for Patents, Performing the Functions and Duties of the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Amendment of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees—Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services**

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Charter renewal of federal advisory committee.

SUMMARY: The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that it is renewing the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Freeman, DoD Advisory Committee Management Officer, 703-692-5952.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DACOWITS is being renewed in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C., app.) and 41 CFR 102-3.50(d). The charter and contact information for the DACOWITS' Designated Federal Officer (DFO) are found at <https://www.facadatabase.gov/FACA/apex/FACAPublicAgencyNavigation>.

The DACOWITS provides the Secretary of Defense and Deputy Secretary of Defense independent advice and recommendations on matters and policies relating to women in the Armed Forces of the United States, and on matters and policies relating to recruitment, retention, employment, integration, well-being, and treatment. All DACOWITS work, including subcommittee work, will be in response to written terms of reference or taskings approved by the Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense ("the DoD Appointing Authority"), or the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness unless otherwise provided by statute or Presidential directive.

The DACOWITS shall be composed of no more than 20 members who have prior experience in the military or with women-related workforce issues. Members will include leaders with diverse and inclusive backgrounds, experience, and thought relating to the recruitment and retention, the

employment and integration, and the well-being and treatment of women. These members will come from varied backgrounds including academia, industry, private and public sectors, and other professions.

The appointment of DACOWITS members shall be approved by the DoD Appointing Authority for a term of service of one-to-four years, with annual renewals, in accordance with DoD policy and procedures. No member, unless approved by the DoD Appointing Authority, may serve more than two consecutive terms of service on the DACOWITS, to include its subcommittees, or serve on more than two DoD federal advisory committees at one time. DACOWITS members who are not full-time or permanent part-time Federal civilian officers or employees, or active duty members of the Uniformed Services, shall be appointed as experts or consultants pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3109 to serve as special government employee (SGE) members. DACOWITS members who are full-time or permanent part-time Federal civilian officers or employees, or active duty members of the Uniformed Services, shall be appointed pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.130(a) to serve as RGE members. The DoD Appointing Authority shall appoint the DACOWITS' leadership from among the membership previously appointed in accordance with DoD policy and procedures, for a term of service of one-to-two years, with annual renewal, not to exceed the member's approved appointment.

All members of the DACOWITS are appointed to exercise their own best judgment, without representing any particular point of view, and to discuss and deliberate in a manner that is free from conflict of interest. With the exception of reimbursement of official DACOWITS-related travel and per diem, DACOWITS members serve without compensation.

The public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the DACOWITS membership about the DACOWITS' mission and functions. Written statements may be submitted at any time or in response to the stated agenda of planned meeting of the DACOWITS. All written statements shall be submitted to the DFO for the DACOWITS, and this individual will ensure that the written statements are provided to the membership for their consideration.