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**JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION ISSUE PUBLIC
COMMENTS SUPPORTING U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE'S
PROPOSED INITIATIVE ON ENHANCING PATENT QUALITY**

WASHINGTON – The Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) submitted comments to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) in response to PTO's comprehensive initiative to increase the quality of granted patents. The PTO initiative focuses on excellence in work products, measuring patent quality and customer service.

The [comments](#), submitted jointly by DOJ and the FTC, commend the PTO for its continuing efforts to enhance patent quality focusing on its efforts to give clearer notice of the boundaries of claimed inventions.

The submission states that clearer patent notice can encourage market participants to collaborate, transfer technology or—in some cases—to design-around patents, thus leading to a more efficient marketplace for intellectual property and the goods and services that practice such rights.

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