WEDNESDAY, April 16, 2014 9:00am to 4:00pm

United States Patent and Trademark Office Alexandria, Virginia Madison Auditorium 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA

The most recent quarterly meeting for the Biotechnology and Chemical Pharmaceutical Customer Partnership was held on December 9, 2013 at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The Biotechnology and Chemical Pharmaceutical Customer Partnership is designed and developed to be a forum to share ideas, experiences, and insights between individual users and the USPTO. The USPTO does not intend to use these customer partnership groups to arrive at any consensus. Invitations to participate will indicate that individual opinions are sought, rather than a group consensus and that the meetings are intended to be informal in nature and have varying participants. These customer partnership groups are formed with full recognition of the USPTO's responsibility under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), and that these customer partnership groups are not established as FACA compliant committees.

We value our customers in obtaining feedback from individual participants is important in our efforts to continuously improve the quality of our products and services. Your willing participation is helpful in providing us with insights and experiences in this informal process to assist us.

The next meeting of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Biotechnology and Chemical Pharmaceutical Customer Partnership is scheduled for **Wednesday**, **April 16, 2014** from **9:00 am to 4:00 pm** at Auditorium in Madison Building, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, Virginia.

For information of future meetings and presentations, please go to http://www.aipla.org/committees/committee_pages/Biotechnology/usptobcp/BCP_%20Meeting%20Materials/index.htm (Materials for the April 16th meeting will posted soon.)

Please email <u>USPTOBCP1600@USPTO.GOV</u> to **register by April 11th**. Please include "BCP Registration" in the email subject line, and your name, title, and organization in the body of the email.

For questions and comments, please contact Sue Liu at 571-272-5539, fax at 571-273-5539, or email <u>SUEX.LIU@USPTO.GOV</u>