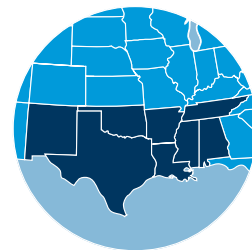


# Texas Regional Office

of the U.S. Patent and  
Trademark Office



The Texas Regional Office in Dallas serves **Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas**



We provide outreach services for **inventors, entrepreneurs, startups, researchers, small businesses and others** to:

- Obtain information about the USPTO through walk-in services.
- Search existing patents and trademarks on designated workstations.
- Attend workshops, trainings, conferences and roundtables designed for various experience levels.
- Participate in programs designed to support and foster STEM education with an emphasis on innovative learning.
- Use collaborative spaces enabling region educators, inventors, entrepreneurs, and IP community to collaborate while allowing USPTO to provide them with information and resources.
- Meet with our strategic federal partners, like the Small Business Administration, Consumer Product Safety Commission, and other bureaus at the Department of Commerce, on programs for small businesses and the entrepreneurial community during scheduled office hours at our Texas location.
- Use interview rooms for applicants to connect with patent examiners working at USPTO headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia and across the country.
- Gain remote access to Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) proceedings at USPTO headquarters and other regional offices in the future. The office also has a hearing room to host PTAB proceedings.
- Participate in public tours of the Texas facility.

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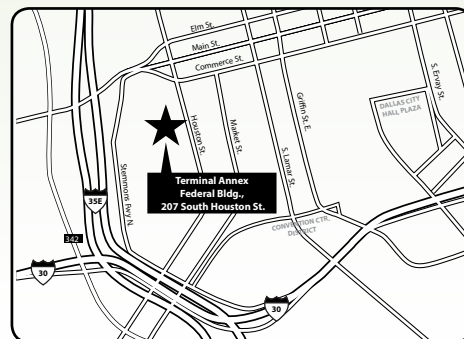
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  - Ace Parking – H Lot at 525 S. Houston Street; telephone: (214) 748-5535
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  - Star Parking at 501 N. Houston Street; telephone: (214) 871-2283

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### Building Access:

Visitors must bring a valid identification to enter the building and the USPTO Texas Regional Office suite. The main lobby is located on the first floor of the Terminal Annex Building.



# Key USPTO resources for inventors, startups and entrepreneurs

## Basic information about patents and the patenting process

IP Awareness Assessment Tool	<a href="http://www.uspto.gov/inventors/assessment">www.uspto.gov/inventors/assessment</a>
Patent process flow chart, includes hyperlinks to USPTO guides	<a href="http://www.uspto.gov/patents/process/index.jsp">www.uspto.gov/patents/process/index.jsp</a>
Patents home page	<a href="http://www.uspto.gov/patents">www.uspto.gov/patents</a>
Inventors Assistance Program resources	<a href="http://www.uspto.gov/inventors">www.uspto.gov/inventors</a>
Inventors Assistance (Call) Center	<a href="http://www.uspto.gov/inventors/iac">www.uspto.gov/inventors/iac</a>
Pro Bono Program — general description	<a href="http://www.uspto.gov/inventors/proseprobono">www.uspto.gov/inventors/proseprobono</a>
Pro Bono Federal Circuit Bar Association National Clearing House (not a USPTO website)	<a href="http://www.fedcirbar.org/Pro-Bono-Scholarships/PTO-Pro-Bono/Overview-FAQ">www.fedcirbar.org/Pro-Bono-Scholarships/ PTO-Pro-Bono/Overview-FAQ</a>

## Details of the patenting process

Patent Search tutorial on searching as well as access to the USPTO patents database	<a href="http://www.uspto.gov/patents/process/search/index.jsp">www.uspto.gov/patents/process/search/index.jsp</a>
EFS-Web — filing patent applications via the web	<a href="http://www.uspto.gov/patents/ebc/about.jsp">www.uspto.gov/patents/ebc/about.jsp</a>
Track One prioritized examination information and FAQ	<a href="http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/Track_One.jsp">www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/Track_One.jsp</a>
American Invents Act (AIA) implementation webpage	<a href="http://www.uspto.gov/aia_implementation">www.uspto.gov/aia_implementation</a>
AIA first inventor to file animated informational videos	<a href="http://www.uspto.gov/aia_implementation/informational_videos.jsp">www.uspto.gov/aia_implementation/informational_videos.jsp</a>
Micro-entity status information (under the Fees FAQ)	<a href="http://www.uspto.gov/aia_implementation/faqs_fees.jsp#heading-4">www.uspto.gov/aia_implementation/faqs_fees.jsp#heading-4</a>

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## Foreign filing resources

Patent Cooperation Treaty helpdesk	<a href="http://www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/support-centers/patent-cooperation-treaty-pct-helpdesk">www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/support-centers/patent-cooperation-treaty-pct-helpdesk</a>
Madrid Protocol information	<a href="http://www.uspto.gov/trademark/laws-regulations/madrid-protocol">www.uspto.gov/trademark/laws-regulations/madrid-protocol</a>
IP Attaches	<a href="http://www.uspto.gov/ip-policy/ip-attache-program/regions">www.uspto.gov/ip-policy/ip-attache-program/regions</a>

## USPTO initiatives (educational tools)

Demystifying the patent system	<a href="http://www.uspto.gov/initiatives/expanding-innovation/demystifying-patent-system">www.uspto.gov/initiatives/expanding-innovation/demystifying-patent-system</a>
Inventor and entrepreneur resources	<a href="http://www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/inventors-entrepreneurs-resources">www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/inventors-entrepreneurs-resources</a>
Free legal services for inventors	<a href="http://www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/newsletter/inventors-eye/free-legal-services-inventors">www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/newsletter/inventors-eye/free-legal-services-inventors</a>
Pro Se assistance program	<a href="http://www.uspto.gov/ProSePatents">www.uspto.gov/ProSePatents</a>
The provisional patent application: Is it for me?	<a href="http://www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/newsletter/inventors-eye/provisional-patent-application-it-me">www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/newsletter/inventors-eye/provisional-patent-application-it-me</a>

## Key resources on trademarks

Trademarks home page	<a href="http://www.uspto.gov/trademarks">www.uspto.gov/trademarks</a>
Trademark basics for new filers	<a href="http://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/basics">www.uspto.gov/trademarks/basics</a>
Trademark Information Network (TMIN) videos	<a href="http://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/process/TMIN.jsp">www.uspto.gov/trademarks/process/TMIN.jsp</a>

## News, updates, and upcoming events

USPTO News/Updates subscription center	<a href="http://www.uspto.gov/subscribe">www.uspto.gov/subscribe</a>
Inventors Eye e-magazine	<a href="http://www.uspto.gov/inventors/independent">www.uspto.gov/inventors/independent</a>
General events calendar and archive	<a href="http://www.uspto.gov/about-us/events">www.uspto.gov/about-us/events</a>

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**Public searching** on Universal Public Workstations is available Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m – 4:00 p.m.

**Public tours** are available 2nd Friday of every month. For tour time and to reserve a spot, email [texasregionalUSPTOevents@uspto.gov](mailto:texasregionalUSPTOevents@uspto.gov) or call 469-295-9000.

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**EAST Computer Based Training**  
[www.uspto.gov/video/cbt/section1/index.htm](http://www.uspto.gov/video/cbt/section1/index.htm)