

Background Information

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We are currently asking for volunteers to help with *[insert current aspect of project here]*

If you are interested, please fill out the following form and we will follow up with you shortly.

1. Name: _____
2. Email: _____
3. Phone: _____
4. Occupation: _____
5. Role at work: _____

6. I am able to (please select all possibilities): *[include only relevant options of current request]*

- Visit the USPTO headquarters in person (Alexandria, Virginia)
- Provide feedback via video conference (high speed internet access required)
- Fill out a survey online (internet access required)
- Host a meeting at my workplace where multiple employees are available to provide feedback

7. What USPTO systems do you currently use? (e.g. Electronic Business Center, EFS Web)

System name(s): _____

8. What other systems do you routinely access during your job (non-USPTO)?

System name(s): _____

9. Which USPTO business units do you deal with on a regular basis?

Business unit name(s): _____

10. In general, based on your experience, what do you like about the USPTO systems?

11. In general, based on your experience, what do you not like about the USPTO systems?

12. Which of the following categories includes your birth year (optional)?

- Before 1946 1946-1964 1965-1978 1979-1990 After 1990

13. What is the highest level of education you've completed (optional)? _____

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