

## Extension of the After Final Consideration Pilot Program 2.0

A Memorandum of Understanding between the  
United States Patent and Trademark Office and the  
Patent Office Professional Association

September 7, 2021

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the Patent Office Professional Association (POPA) extends the After Final Consideration Pilot 2.0 (AFCP 2.0) pilot, which ends on September 30, 2021, through FY 2022 (September 30, 2022).

The terms of the AFCP 2.0 program description and MOU dated September 23, 2014 are unchanged, however the Agency has determined to make the following changes:

1. One (1) hour of interview attribute will replace one (1) hour of AFCP 2.0 interview time when the PTO-413/413B is included in the response. AFCP 2.0 consideration time (PPEAAM-0000-112057) will still be entered in WebTA.

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