



EFS-Web News *Program Update*

EFS-Web - The New Web-Based Patent Electronic Filing System

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Ready, Set, File!

After successful online and on-site training of the Phase 1 EFS-Web Beta participants, the EFS Team is proud to announce the successful deployment of EFS-Web. Thank you for your support and continued feedback through out this preliminary stage of deployment.

Phase 1 Participants

We appreciate your support in making this an excellent beta and your cooperation is needed to ensure continued success. During Phase 1 of the Beta Program, EFS-Web submissions are limited to Phase 1 participants. On March 17, 2006, EFS-Web will be available for full production; until then, please help us keep the use of EFS-Web restricted to approved Beta participants by not distributing the URL. Also, please remember to contact the USPTO before consulting outside sources when you have issues or comments.

Missed the Training?

If you were unable to attend the training sessions, there are still many ways to learn about EFS-Web and its features. Please visit the Patent's electronic filing area on www.uspto.gov for training materials, such as:

- [Support/Help Desk Information](#)
- [Self-paced multimedia training presentations](#)
- [Information guides on Security, PDF files, and PDF fillable forms](#)
- [Step-by-Step training videos](#)

Use these resources at any time, and to let us know about additional training resources that can help you make a smooth transition to EFS-Web.

Pay Online!

EFS-Web allows you to pay filing fees in an e-commerce environment. Using EFS-Web you can pay maintenance, filing, search and exam fees. You may choose to pay fees at the time that you file via credit card, USPTO deposit account, or electronic funds transfer. If you choose not to pay at the time of filing you can pay them at a later time, but could incur additional fees.

Comments, Questions, and Issues

Throughout development, we have made it our priority to listen to users' opinions. This does not end during the Beta! Please regularly use the Beta Feedback Form to provide USPTO with feedback and issues that you might encounter. It will help us ensure that EFS-Web is successful and valuable to your organization. A feedback form has been provided in the Beta Packet and is available on the USPTO website, under Patent's electronic filing. For technical or urgent issues, you may call the EBC at 1-866-217-9197.

Top Reasons to Become a Registered User

While EFS-Web gives anyone who accesses the site the ability to submit patent applications and documents, you can receive greater benefit from the system as a registered filer. Additional features for registered filers include the ability to:

- [Have secure, authenticated communication](#)
- [File follow-on papers](#)
- [Save application packages before submission for up to four days](#)
- [View your last ten acknowledgment receipts](#)
- [View your application and monitor its prosecution via Private PAIR](#)

Registering is easy and can be done by obtaining a customer number and then submitting a Certificate Action form to USPTO's Electronic Business Center (EBC). The EBC will issue you codes that allow you to generate your Digital Certificate for authentication in EFS-Web.

Did you know?

Following submission, EFS-Web provides you with an Acknowledgement Receipt that contains critical information, including a time and date stamp, an application number and a confirmation number. Also, if you are a registered user, you can view your last ten acknowledgement receipts online.

Upcoming Events

- [Dec 1: Commence Beta Phase 1](#)
- [Jan 17: Commence Beta Phase 2](#)
- [Mar 17: Production Release of EFS-Web](#)

Give Us Your Feedback

Your continued feedback is important to the EFS-Web development team. Please send your comments or feedback on the EFS-Web development program to: EFSBeta@uspto.gov

