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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No.: PTO-P-2023-0047]

Supplemental Guidance for Examination of Design Patent Applications Related to Computer-Generated Electronic Images, Including Computer-Generated Icons and Graphical User Interfaces

AGENCY: Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Examination guidance; correction.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) published in the **Federal Register** on November 17, 2023, supplemental guidance to be used by USPTO personnel in determining whether a design claim including a computer-generated electronic image is directed to statutory subject matter. This notice provides the deadline for written comments. Additionally, the USPTO has corrected Examples 2, 4, and 5 in Section (V) of the supplemental guidance published in the **Federal Register** to reflect certain formatting (i.e., underlining and strikethrough) necessary to understand the examples. The supplemental guidance, including the examples, will be incorporated into the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure in due course.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The USPTO published in the **Federal Register** on November 17, 2023, supplemental guidance to be used by USPTO personnel in determining whether a design claim including a computer-generated electronic image is directed to statutory subject matter. See *Supplemental Guidance for Examination of Design Patent Applications Related to Computer-Generated Electronic Images, Including Computer-Generated Icons and Graphical User Interfaces*, 88 FR 80277. This notice provides the deadline for submitting written comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov. The deadline for submitting comments is November 18, 2024. Please see the **ADDRESSES** section in the November 17, 2023 notice for instructions on how to submit comments.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of November 17, 2023, in FR Doc. 2023-25473, on page 80277, in the third column, correct the **DATES** caption to read:

DATES: This supplemental guidance is applicable as of November 17, 2023. Comments must be received by November 18, 2024, to ensure consideration.

In addition, the USPTO has corrected Examples 2, 4, and 5 in Section (V) of the supplemental guidance published in the **Federal Register** to reproduce certain formatting (i.e., underlining and strikethrough) in the text necessary to understand the examples. A PDF version of the examples, which contains the formatting, has been posted on the Examination Guidance and Training Materials page under 35 U.S.C. 171 at www.uspto.gov/patents/laws/examination-policy/examination-guidance-and-training-materials.

The supplemental guidance, including the examples, will be incorporated into the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure in due course.

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Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Patent Examiner Employment Application

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The USPTO invites comments on this information collection renewal, which helps the USPTO assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on November 15, 2023 during a 60-day comment period (88 FR 78332). This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comment.

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

Title: Patent Examiner Employment Application.

OMB Control Number: 0651-0042.

Needs and Uses: In the current employment environment, life science and engineering graduates are in great demand. The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is in direct competition with the private industry for the same caliber of candidates with the requisite knowledge and skills to perform patent examination work. This information collection covers online applications to the USPTO for entry level patent examiner positions. More specifically, the collection covers the respondent data gathered from the applications. The USPTO posts the relevant positions online and collects applicant information via the USA Staffing System.

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