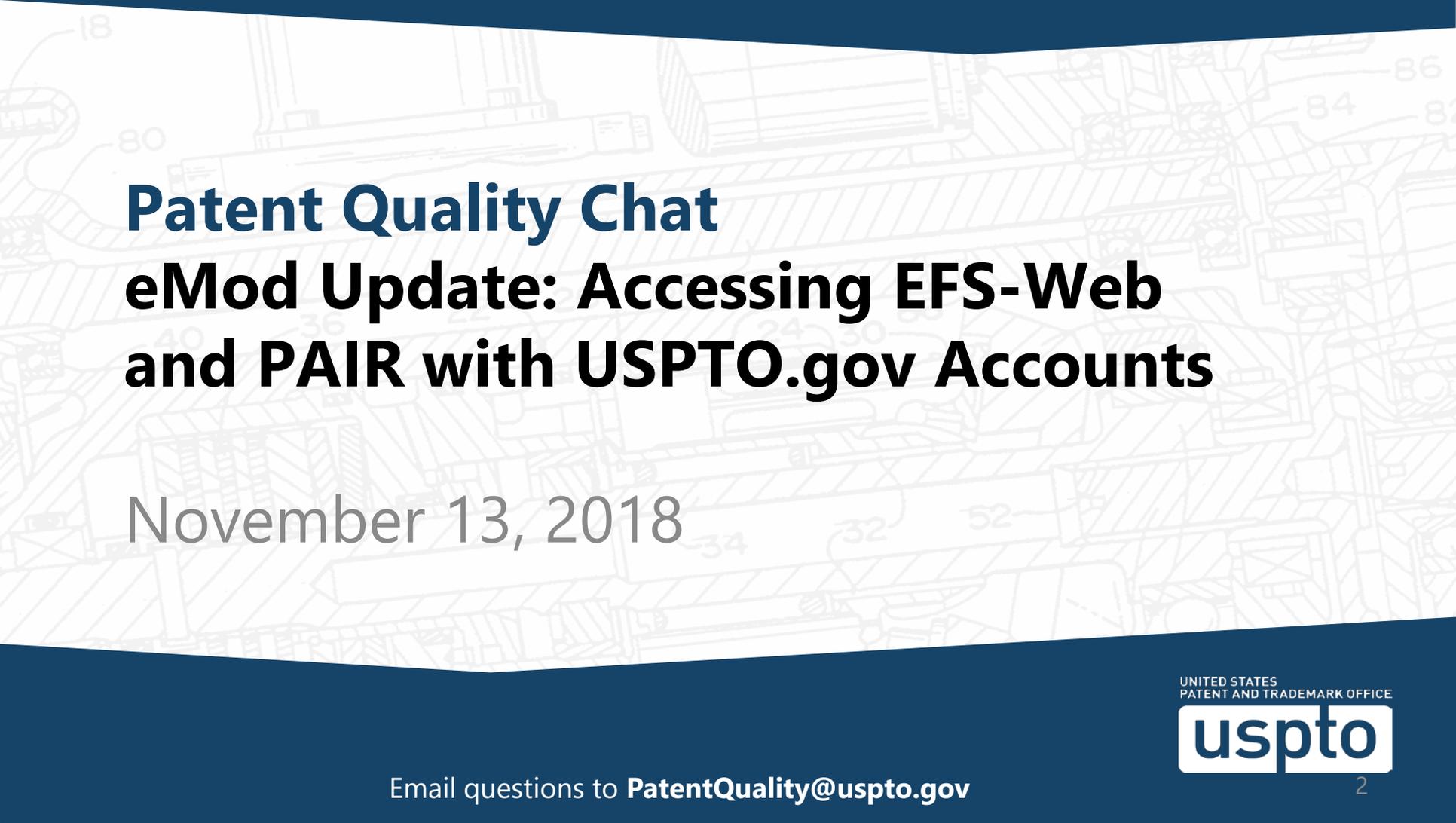


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# **Patent Quality Chat**

## **eMod Update: Accessing EFS-Web and PAIR with USPTO.gov Accounts**

November 13, 2018

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### Highlights



#### [Patent Quality Chat](#)

Our next Patent Quality Chat will be on November 13<sup>th</sup> with an "eMod Update: Accessing EFS-Web and PAIR with USPTO.gov Accounts"

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## 2018 Chat Series

Date	Topic	Speaker
Tuesday, November 13 Noon - 1 p.m. ET	eMod Update: Accessing EFS-Web and PAIR with USPTO.gov Accounts <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation Slides (coming soon)</li><li>• Video (coming soon)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Lisa Tran</b> Communications Manager for eCommerce</li><li>• <b>Jeff Wong</b> Project Manager for EFS-Web</li></ul>
Tuesday, October 9 Noon - 1 p.m. ET	Leveraging a Harmonized Patent Classification System <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Presentation Slides</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Video</a></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Christopher Kim</b> Director of Classification Quality and International Coordination Division, <a href="#">OIPC</a> Director (acting) of <a href="#">Classification Standards and Development Division, OIPC</a></li><li>• <b>Justin Krause</b> International Patent Classifier Classification</li></ul>

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## eMod Update: Accessing EFS-Web and PAIR with USPTO.gov Accounts

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# Agenda

- eMod Project
- Authentication Change for EFS/PAIR
  - Overview
  - Schedule
  - User Action: USPTO.gov Account Creation, Migration, and Sponsorship
  - Resources for Information and Assistance
- Patent Center Updates
- DOCX Filing and Retrieval



# eMod Project

The **eCommerce Modernization (eMod) Project** improves the electronic patent application process by modernizing USPTO's application filing and viewing systems.

- **2016 –2017**  
**eMod Text Pilot Program**
  - System: Legacy (EFS-Web & PAIR)
  - Participants: Pilot via Registration

- **September 2017**  
**Offer Text Features to the Public**
  - System: Legacy
  - Participants: All EFS-Web Registered Filers
  - USPTO accepts DOCX (for initial submissions)
  - USPTO provides DOCX (including Office actions)
  - USPTO provides XML

- **March 2018**  
**eMod Patent Center Alpha Release**
  - System: Next Gen
  - Participants: External (active in the eMod Text Pilot)
  - Limited live filings: Four types of new applications (utility non-provisional, provisional, national stage – 371, design), and their corresponding follow-on submissions
  - Limited functionality for viewing/managing applications
  - Legacy tools still needed for other functionalities

- **Oct - Dec 2018**  
**Authentication Change for EFS-Web & PAIR**
  - Authentication Change for EFS-Web Registered and Private PAIR
  - **October:** Migration tool available for PKI certificate holders to link their USPTO.gov accounts to their PKI certificates. Linkage allows use of USPTO.gov accounts to access EFS-Web and Private PAIR. PKI certificates will remain valid for a period of time after the linkage to access EFS-Web and Private PAIR.
  - **November:** Sponsorship tool available for registered practitioners to sponsor their support staff to work on their behalf by giving them access/sponsorship.

- **Early 2019**  
**eMod Patent Center Beta Release**
  - System: Next Gen
  - Participants: External (via open registration)
  - Focus on patent applicants
  - Features:
    - Unified user interface
    - Key functionalities from EFS-Web and PAIR
    - Updates based on eMod Text Pilot Program



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# Authentication Change for EFS-Web and PAIR

EFS-Web and Private PAIR users now have a new, safer, and simpler log-in through a USPTO.gov account

Who

All EFS-Web Registered and Private PAIR users, including independent inventors, practitioners, and support staff (through role-based access)

What

New authentication method will be the same as Patent Center and Financial Manager

Uses USPTO.gov account log-in email and password, and a one-time code

When

Migration tool released in October 2018 to allow linkage of current PKI certificate to USPTO.gov account

Sponsorship tool released in November 2018 to allow support staff to work on behalf of practitioners

Why

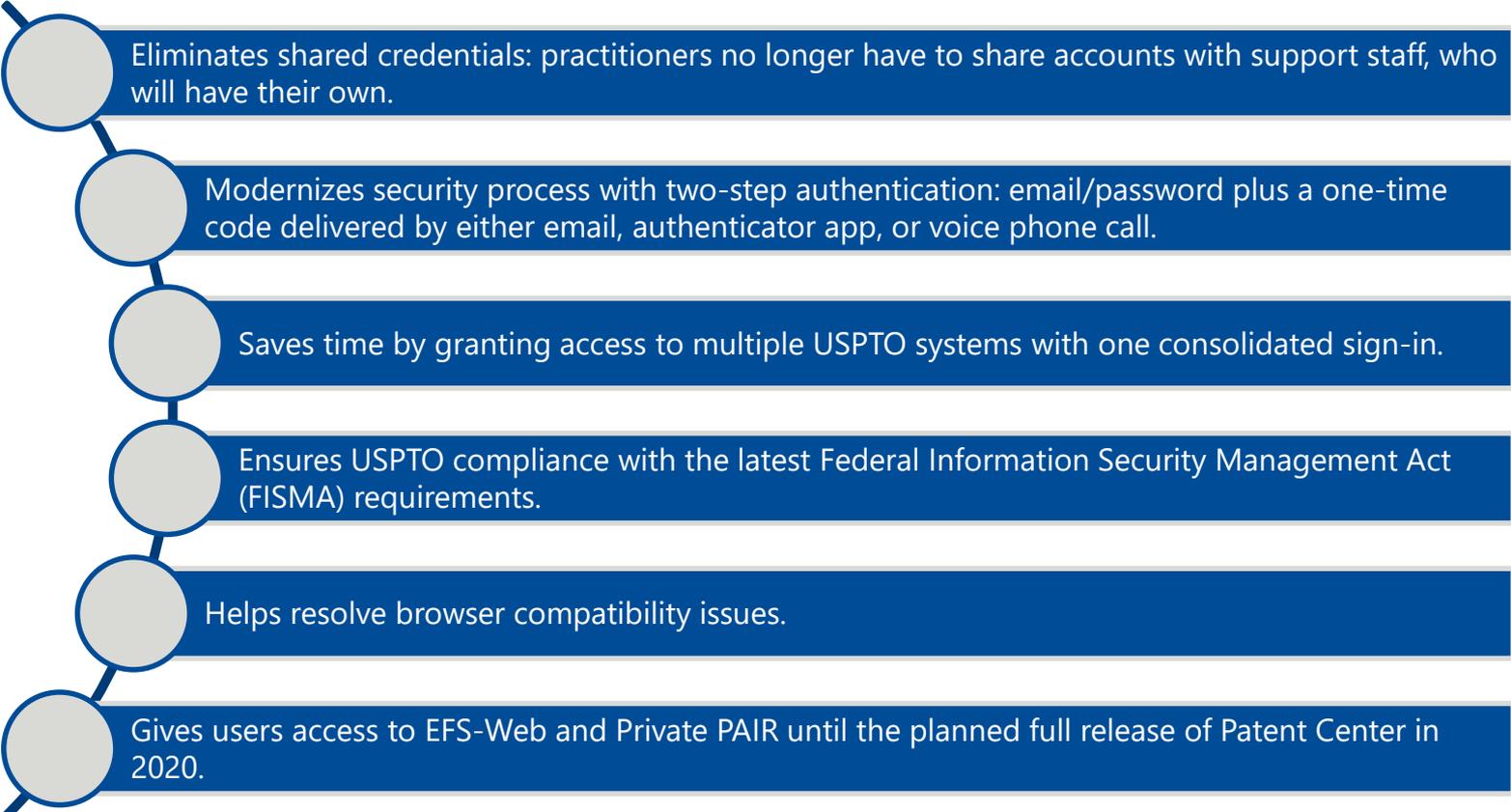
Improves overall authentication process with single sign-on to multiple USPTO tools

Ensures USPTO compliance with the latest Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) requirements

The PKI software vendor will no longer support the authentication software product after the end of 2018

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# Benefits



Eliminates shared credentials: practitioners no longer have to share accounts with support staff, who will have their own.

Modernizes security process with two-step authentication: email/password plus a one-time code delivered by either email, authenticator app, or voice phone call.

Saves time by granting access to multiple USPTO systems with one consolidated sign-in.

Ensures USPTO compliance with the latest Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) requirements.

Helps resolve browser compatibility issues.

Gives users access to EFS-Web and Private PAIR until the planned full release of Patent Center in 2020.

# Dates You Need to Know

Available

Pending

**JUNE 2018**

**USPTO.gov  
ACCOUNT**

All PKI certificate holders and support staff should create USPTO.gov accounts now, and set them up for two-step authentication.



**OCT 2018**

**MIGRATE**

USPTO will release a migration tool to allow current PKI certificate holders to link their USPTO.gov account to their PKI certificate.

PKI certificate will remain valid for a period of time after the linkage to access EFS-Web and Private PAIR.



**NOV 2018**

**SPONSOR**

Registered Practitioners can sponsor their support staff to work on their behalf by giving them access via USPTO sponsorship tool.



**DEC 2018**

**RETIRE PKI**

Transition from current PKI certificates to new authentication method must be complete.

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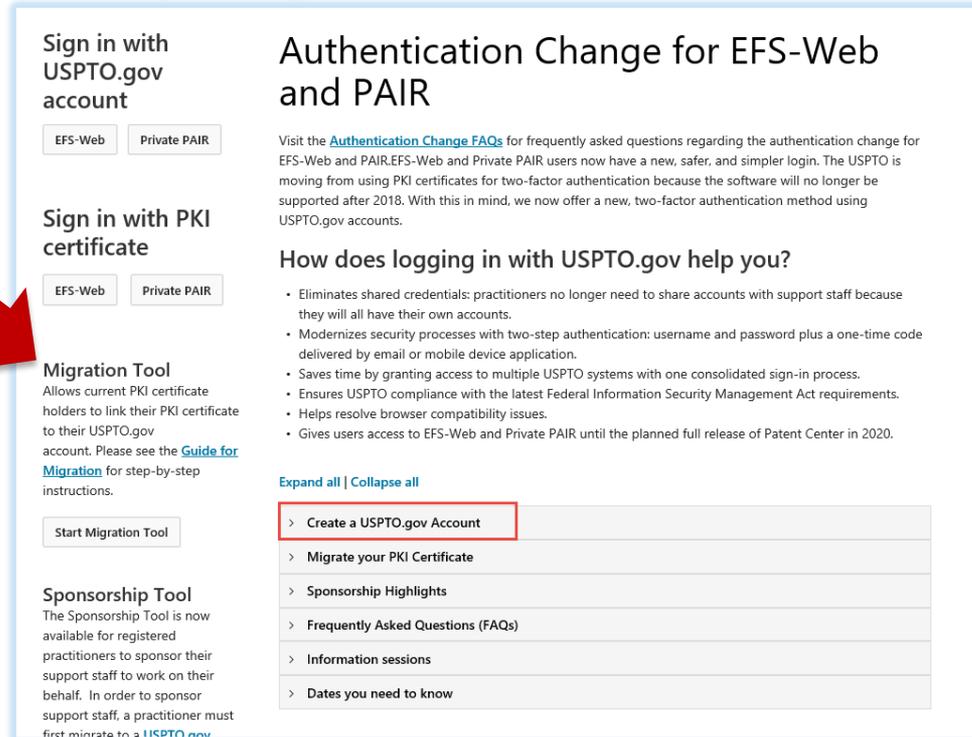
# Take Action Now!

1. Create a USPTO.gov Account
2. Migrate your PKI Certificate

- Create a USPTO.gov account if you don't already have one
  - Note: Financial Manager users already have a USPTO.gov account
- Make sure your USPTO.gov account is opted in to two-step authentication
- Migrate your existing PKI certificate if you are a registered practitioner or independent inventor

# Authentication Change Webpage

<https://www.uspto.gov/AuthenticationChange>



**Sign in with USPTO.gov account**

EFS-Web Private PAIR

**Sign in with PKI certificate**

EFS-Web Private PAIR

**Migration Tool**  
Allows current PKI certificate holders to link their PKI certificate to their USPTO.gov account. Please see the [Guide for Migration](#) for step-by-step instructions.

Start Migration Tool

**Sponsorship Tool**  
The Sponsorship Tool is now available for registered practitioners to sponsor their support staff to work on their behalf. In order to sponsor support staff, a practitioner must first migrate to a USPTO.gov

## Authentication Change for EFS-Web and PAIR

Visit the [Authentication Change FAQs](#) for frequently asked questions regarding the authentication change for EFS-Web and PAIR. EFS-Web and Private PAIR users now have a new, safer, and simpler login. The USPTO is moving from using PKI certificates for two-factor authentication because the software will no longer be supported after 2018. With this in mind, we now offer a new, two-factor authentication method using USPTO.gov accounts.

### How does logging in with USPTO.gov help you?

- Eliminates shared credentials: practitioners no longer need to share accounts with support staff because they will all have their own accounts.
- Modernizes security processes with two-step authentication: username and password plus a one-time code delivered by email or mobile device application.
- Saves time by granting access to multiple USPTO systems with one consolidated sign-in process.
- Ensures USPTO compliance with the latest Federal Information Security Management Act requirements.
- Helps resolve browser compatibility issues.
- Gives users access to EFS-Web and Private PAIR until the planned full release of Patent Center in 2020.

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# Create a USPTO.gov Account

If you don't already have a USPTO.gov account, just follow these simple steps:

1. Visit the [MyUSPTO login](#)
2. Select "Create an account"
3. Enter the email address you will use to sign in, as well as other necessary account information, and follow the prompts
4. Opt-in to two-step authentication

For additional information, see the [USPTO.gov account FAQ](#).



# USPTO.gov Account Creation Assistance

If you need assistance creating your USPTO.gov account, please contact the USPTO Contact Center (UCC) at:

**1-800-786-9199**

or

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# Migration Tool

- Now available
- Support staff using the PKI certificate of a registered practitioner should **not** migrate
- Registered practitioners and independent inventors can **link** their existing PKI certificate with their USPTO.gov account following a [step-by-step process](#).

## Migration Tool

Allows current PKI certificate holders to link their PKI certificate to their USPTO.gov account. Please see the [Guide for Migration](#) for step-by-step instructions.

Start Migration Tool



# Migration Guide

## Migration of PKI Certificate to USPTO.gov Account for EFS-Web & Private PAIR Authentication

This Migration Tool guide provides instructions for existing PKI digital certificate holders (Registered Practitioners and Independent Inventors) to verify their USPTO.gov account using their PKI digital certificate. Once account verification is complete, the USPTO.gov account can be used to sign in to EFS-Web and Private PAIR. Customer Numbers associated with the PKI certificate will be migrated to the linked USPTO.gov account. Please note that PKI certificates can still be used to sign in to EFS-Web and Private PAIR as well.

To successfully migrate, users must already have a [USPTO.gov account](#).

To link your PKI Certificate to your USPTO.gov account:

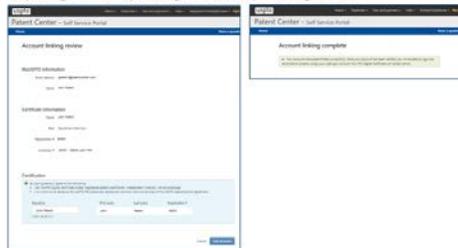
- 1 Opt-in to **two-step authentication** for your USPTO.gov account. See page 3 of this guide for instructions.
- 2 Clear your browser cache.
- 3 Close all browsers.
- 4 Visit the Migration Tool at <https://patentcenter.ssa.uspto.gov>.
- 5 Sign in using your PKI digital certificate and review the Account Linking information.



- 6 Sign in using your USPTO.gov account, and confirm that both the PKI digital certificate and USPTO.gov account are verified.



- 7 Review account linking information for accuracy and provide your signature. Click on "Link accounts" to complete migration and link your PKI digital certificate to your USPTO.gov account.



- 8 Please wait 1-2 business days for your account migration to be processed by USPTO before using your USPTO.gov account to sign into EFS-Web and Private PAIR. Please note that there are new URLs for EFS-Web and Private PAIR for sign in using your USPTO.gov account. You will need to update any bookmarks to the new URLs below:

- EFS-Web: <https://efs-my.uspto.gov/EFWebUI/Registered/EFWebRegistered>
- Private PAIR: <https://ppair-my.uspto.gov/pair/PrivatePair>

For additional information, please visit [www.uspto.gov/AuthenticationChange](https://www.uspto.gov/AuthenticationChange).

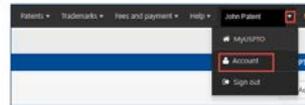
If you need any assistance with account migration, contact the Patent EBC at 866-217-9197 or [ebc@uspto.gov](mailto:ebc@uspto.gov)



## USPTO.gov Account Two-Step Authentication Opt-In Instructions

To successfully migrate your PKI certificate to your USPTO.gov account and be able to use your USPTO.gov account to sign in to EFS-Web and Private PAIR, users must opt-in to two-step authentication for their USPTO.gov account.

- 1 Sign in to your USPTO.gov account at <https://my.uspto.gov>.
- 2 From the top right drop-down menu under your name, select "Account."



- 3 Under the "Two-step authentication" section, select one of the available authentication methods as your default: authenticator app, email, or phone call. You are able to change your choice on every two-factor prompted sign in.
- 4 Select the checkbox "I want to use the two-step authentication method every time I sign into MyUSPTO."



- 5 Scroll to bottom of page and click Save.



# Migration Prerequisites

- To successfully migrate, users must already have:
  - USPTO.gov account
  - Existing PKI certificate
- USPTO.gov account must be opted in for two-step authentication
- Must be completed by registered practitioners or independent inventors to link their existing PKI certificate with their USPTO.gov account



# Migration Steps

1. Opt-in for two-step authentication for your USPTO.gov account.
2. Clear your browser cache.
3. Close all browsers.
4. Go to the [Migration Tool](#).
5. Sign in using your PKI digital certificate and review the Account Linking information.
6. Sign in using your USPTO.gov account, and confirm that both the PKI digital certificate and USPTO.gov account are verified.
7. Review account linking information for accuracy and provide your signature. Click on "Link accounts" to complete migration and link your PKI digital certificate to your USPTO.gov account.



# Go To Migration Tool

<https://patentcenter-ssp.uspto.gov>

The screenshot shows the uspto.gov website interface. A modal window titled "Upcoming Features" is overlaid on the page. The modal contains the following text:

**Account Migration**  
EFS-Web and Private PAIR users will need to use a **new, safer, and simpler log-in** through a USPTO.gov account beginning in October 2018.

Have questions? Contact Patent Electronic Business Center (EBC) at:  
[EBC@uspto.gov](mailto:EBC@uspto.gov)  
Toll free - 866-217-9197  
Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 11:59 PM EST

Close

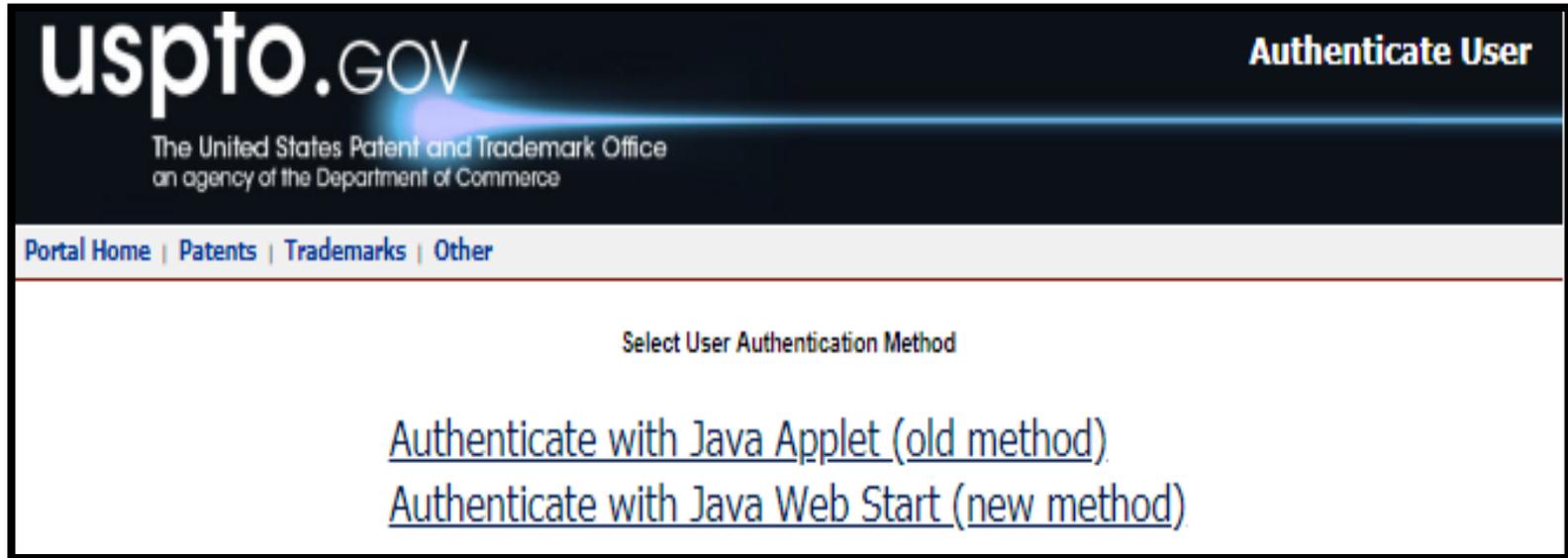
Below the modal, the website content is partially visible, including a "Select New Case" section with search options and a "Migrate Now" button. A large red arrow points from the "Migrate Now" button in the modal to the "Migrate Now" button on the website page.

This is a close-up of the "Upcoming Features" modal window. It features a close button (X) in the top right corner. The main heading is "Account Migration". The text below reads: "EFS-Web and Private PAIR users will need to use a **new, safer, and simpler log-in** through a USPTO.gov account beginning in October 2018." Below this is a blue "Migrate Now" button. At the bottom, it provides contact information for the Patent Electronic Business Center (EBC): "Have questions? Contact Patent Electronic Business Center (EBC) at: [EBC@uspto.gov](mailto:EBC@uspto.gov) Toll free : 866-217-9197 Monday - Friday 6:00 AM - 11:59 PM EST". A "Close" button is located at the bottom left. Two red arrows point towards the "Migrate Now" button from the right side of the modal.



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# Sign In with PKI Certificate

A screenshot of the uspto.gov website's authentication page. The page has a dark blue header with the uspto.GOV logo on the left and the text 'Authenticate User' on the right. Below the header, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Portal Home', 'Patents', 'Trademarks', and 'Other'. The main content area is white and contains the text 'Select User Authentication Method' followed by two blue, underlined links: 'Authenticate with Java Applet (old method)' and 'Authenticate with Java Web Start (new method)'.

**uspto.GOV** Authenticate User

The United States Patent and Trademark Office  
an agency of the Department of Commerce

[Portal Home](#) | [Patents](#) | [Trademarks](#) | [Other](#)

Select User Authentication Method

[Authenticate with Java Applet \(old method\)](#)

[Authenticate with Java Web Start \(new method\)](#)

# Account Linking Information

The screenshot shows the USPTO Patent Center Self Service Portal. At the top left is the 'uspto' logo. To the right are navigation links: Patent, Trademark, Fees and payments, Help, Sign in, and MyUSPTO. Below the navigation is a header bar with 'Patent Center - Self Service Portal' and a 'Home' link on the left and a 'Have a question?' link on the right. The main content area is titled 'Account linking'. It contains a light blue box with an information icon and the following text: 'The following page will allow you to permanently verify your uspto.gov account using your existing PKI Digital Certificate.' This is followed by a bulleted list: 'You can continue to use your PKI Digital Certificate to access EFS Web and Private PAIR', 'The verification can only be performed one time per account', 'The verification should only be performed by the PKI Digital Certificate holder (registered patent practitioner, independent inventor), not an employee', and 'Once your account has been verified, you will be able to sign into eCommerce systems using your uspto.gov account'. Below the list is the text: 'If you need help, contact the Patent Electronic Business Center at (866) 217-9197 (toll free) or e-mail [EBC@uspto.gov](mailto:EBC@uspto.gov)'. To the right of this box is a blue 'Continue' button. A large red arrow points from the 'Continue' button down to the next screenshot.

This is a close-up of the text from the screenshot above. It shows the information icon, the introductory sentence, the bulleted list, and the contact information. The text is: 'The following page will allow you to permanently verify your uspto.gov account using your existing PKI Digital Certificate.' The bulleted list includes: 'You can continue to use your PKI Digital Certificate to access EFS Web and Private PAIR', 'The verification can only be performed one time per account', 'The verification should only be performed by the PKI Digital Certificate holder (registered patent practitioner, independent inventor), not an employee', and 'Once your account has been verified, you will be able to sign into eCommerce systems using your uspto.gov account'. The contact information is: 'If you need help, contact the Patent Electronic Business Center at (866) 217-9197 (toll free) or e-mail [EBC@uspto.gov](mailto:EBC@uspto.gov)'.

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There are two main panels:

- Digital Certificate (PKI):** Contains the text "Verify your digital certificate (PKI) credentials by signing into Entrust system" and a green checkmark with the text "Digital certificate verified".
- uspto.gov account:** Contains the text "Verify your uspto.gov account by signing into MyUSPTO" and a blue "Sign in" button highlighted with a red rectangle.

At the bottom right, there are "Cancel" and "Continue" buttons.



# Confirm Account Verifications

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There are two verification boxes:

- Digital Certificate (PKI):** "Verify your digital certificate (PKI) credentials by signing into Entrust system. Digital certificate verified" (with a green checkmark).
- uspto.gov account:** "Verify your uspto.gov account by signing into MyUSPTO. uspto.gov account verified" (with a green checkmark).

At the bottom right, there are "Cancel" and "Continue" buttons. A large red arrow points to the "Continue" button.

# Review and Sign

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### Account linking review

**MyUSPTO information**  
Email address: [REDACTED]  
Name: Proofed Practitioner

**Certificate information**  
Name: [REDACTED]  
Role: Registered Attorneys  
Registration #: [REDACTED]  
Customer #: No customer numbers associated to this digital certificate

**Certification**

By signing below, I agree to the following:

- I am the PKI Digital Certificate holder (registered patent practitioner, independent inventor), not an employee
- I will continue to abide by the USPTO PKI Subscriber Agreement and the rules and policies of the USPTO regarding the Agreement

Signature	First name	Last name	Registration #
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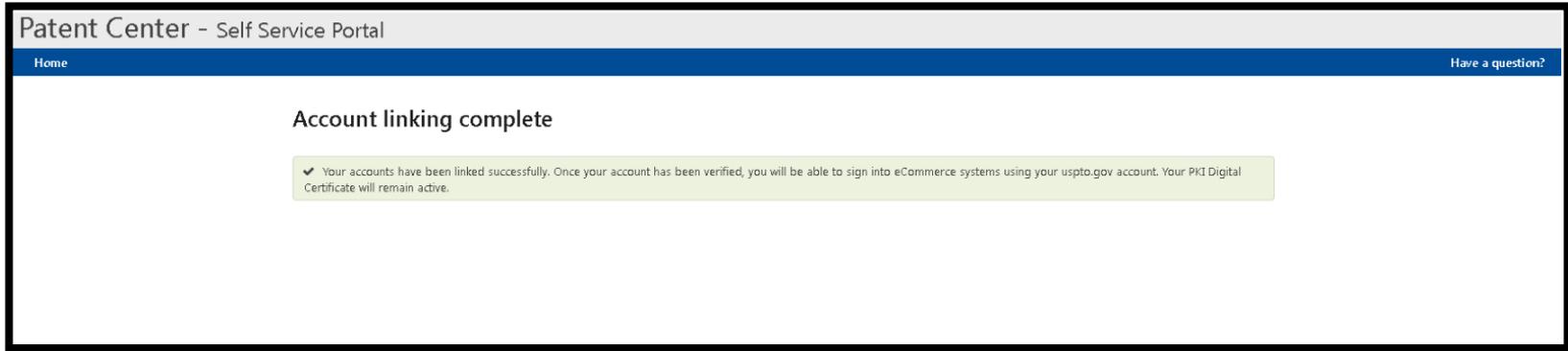
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Cancel [Link accounts](#)

# Complete Account Linking



Please wait 1-2 business days for your account migration to be processed by USPTO before using your USPTO.gov account to sign into EFS-Web and Private PAIR. Please note that you will need to update your bookmarks to the new [EFS-Web](#) and [Private PAIR](#) URLs for signing in with your USPTO.gov account.



# Migration Highlights

- Only available for current PKI certificate holders
- Migrated users are able to use BOTH their PKI certificate and/or their USPTO.gov account until PKI certificates are officially retired in mid-December
- Please make sure that the USPTO.gov account to be linked is the appropriate one for the practitioner or independent inventor associated with the PKI certificate as the **linkage is permanent**
- Migrations to link accounts can only occur once
- Inactive registration numbers need to be addressed with Office of Enrollment and Discipline (OED) prior to migration
- *Support staff using the PKI certificate of a registered practitioner should not migrate*



# Authentication and Migration Assistance

For questions related to the new authentication method for EFS-Web and PAIR or assistance with migration, please contact the Patent Electronic Business Center (EBC) at:

**1-866-217-9197**

or

[ebc@uspto.gov](mailto:ebc@uspto.gov)



# Sponsorship Prerequisites

- Sponsorship Tool is for registered practitioners who have migrated their PKI certificate to their USPTO.gov account
- Support staff must have their own USPTO.gov account
- Registered practitioners will need the USPTO.gov account email address of their support staff for whom they wish to sponsor
- Registered practitioners cannot sponsor another registered practitioner
- Each practitioner will be responsible for verifying the identity of the person using any sponsored support staff account. Please refer to the Patent Electronic System Access Document: <https://www.uspto.gov/sites/default/files/documents/access-document.pdf>



# Sponsorship Role: Practitioner

- Functions
  - Sponsor support staff
  - Access “pending requests” for sponsorships to grant approval
  - Remove sponsored support staff
  - View active sponsorships



# Access the Sponsorship Tool

<https://patentcenter-sponsorships.uspto.gov>

**uspto** Patent - Trademark - Fees and payments - Help - Sign in MyUSPTO

Patent Center - Sponsorships

Home Manage Have a question?

What can I do here?

**PRACTITIONER**

As a practitioner, you can now designate support users / paralegals to work on your behalf.

Once you sign in, you can:

- Sponsor one or more users using their MyUSPTO email address.
- View your sponsorship history.
- Revoke existing sponsorship of one or more users.
- View sponsorship requests and take an apt decision on those requests.

**PRACTITIONER SUPPORT / PARALEGAL**

As a practitioner support, you can now request practitioners to sponsor additional support users / paralegals to work on their behalf.

Once you sign in, you can:

- Request sponsorship for other users using their MyUSPTO email address.
- View your current and previous sponsors.
- Leave sponsorship by one or more practitioners.

If you have a two step authenticated MyUSPTO account [Sign in now](#)

**▲ Before you start**

- If you have not done so already, please create a MyUSPTO account at <https://account.uspto.gov/create-account/#/>, and set it up for two-step authentication.
- If you have already created a MyUSPTO account, please update your account for two-step authentication.
- To sponsor or to request sponsorship, you should have a two-step authentication in place.
- You can also attend the virtual training for Patent Center Alpha Release, or notify [omid@uspto.gov](mailto:omid@uspto.gov) for a make-up session to know more about the tool.

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# Sign in with USPTO.gov Account

The image shows a screenshot of the USPTO Patent Center Sponsorships page. A modal window titled "Sign in" is centered on the screen. The modal contains the following elements:

- Email address \***: A text input field containing "john@patentcenter.com". A note above the field states "\* indicates required" and "[USPTO employees!](#)".
- Password \***: A password input field with masked characters "\*\*\*\*\*".
- Remember my email address**
- Sign in**: A blue button.
- Text: "By signing in, I certify to the [USPTO's Terms of Use](#) and [USPTO Privacy Policy](#)."
- Forgot password?**: A link.
- Create an account**: A button.

The background page includes the USPTO logo, navigation links (Home, Manage), and a "What can I do here?" section for PRACTITIONER users. A "Before you start" warning box is also visible at the bottom of the page.

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# Select Two-Step Authentication

Two-step authentication ×

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Step 2 of 2

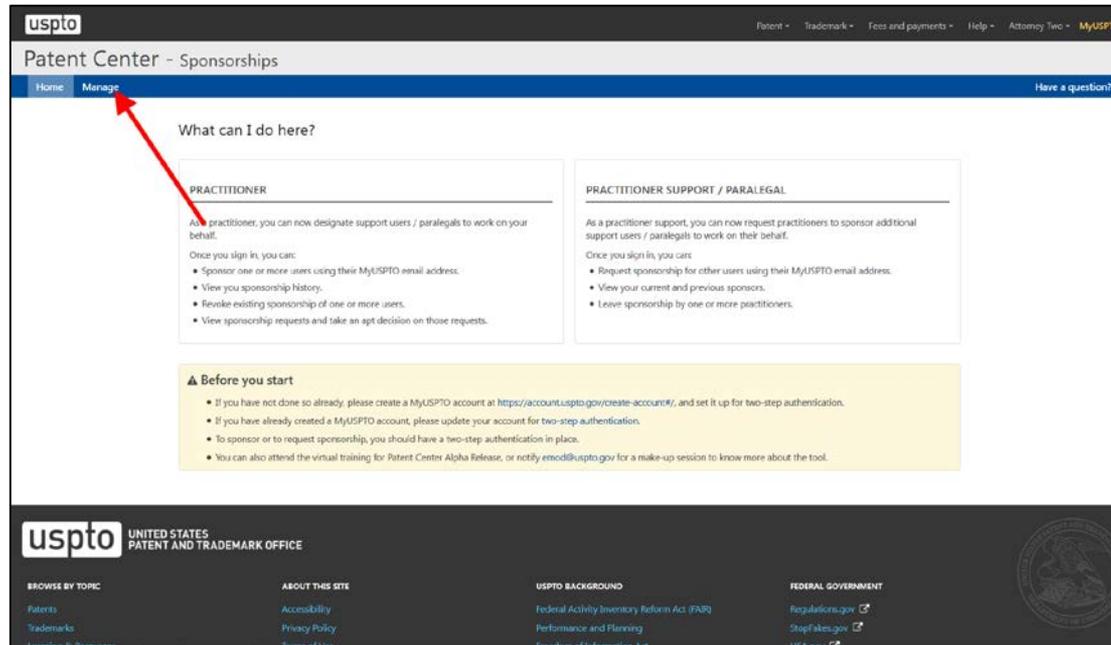
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# Select Manage



The screenshot shows the USPTO Patent Center - Sponsorships page. The top navigation bar includes links for Patent, Trademark, Fees and payments, Help, Attorney Two, and MyUSPTO. The main content area is titled "Patent Center - Sponsorships" and has a sub-navigation bar with "Home" and "Manage" (highlighted by a red arrow). Below the navigation bar, there is a section titled "What can I do here?" with two main sections: "PRACTITIONER" and "PRACTITIONER SUPPORT / PARALEGAL".

**PRACTITIONER**

As a practitioner, you can now designate support users / paralegals to work on your behalf.

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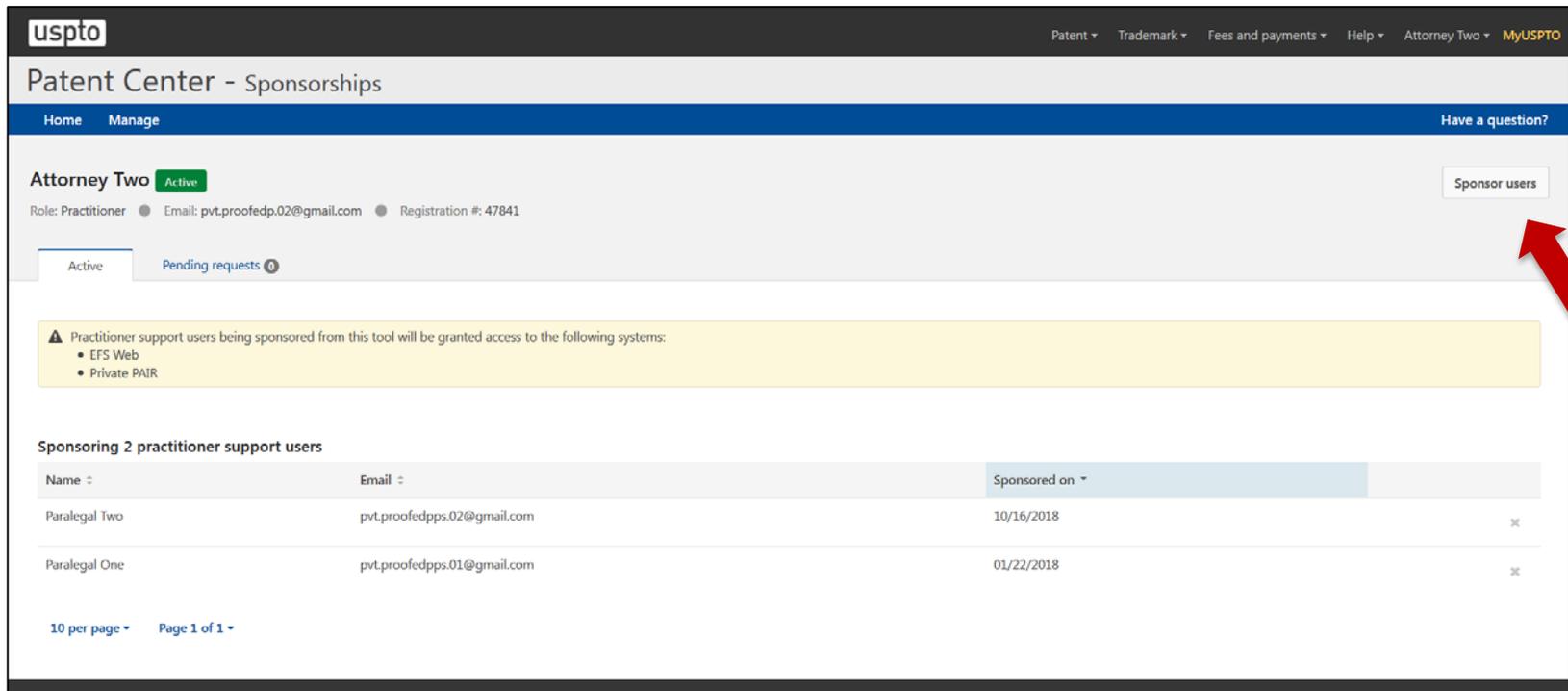
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The footer contains the USPTO logo, "UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE", and navigation links for "BROWSE BY TOPIC", "ABOUT THIS SITE", "USPTO BACKGROUND", and "FEDERAL GOVERNMENT".

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# Practitioners can Select Sponsor Users to add and view pending requests



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Attorney Two Active

Role: Practitioner ● Email: pvt.proofedp.02@gmail.com ● Registration #: 47841

Sponsor users

Active Pending requests 0

⚠ Practitioner support users being sponsored from this tool will be granted access to the following systems:

- EFS Web
- Private PAIR

Sponsoring 2 practitioner support users

Name	Email	Sponsored on	
Paralegal Two	pvt.proofedpps.02@gmail.com	10/16/2018	×
Paralegal One	pvt.proofedpps.01@gmail.com	01/22/2018	×

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# Sponsorship Tool: Support Staff

- Functions
  - Sign in using uspto.gov accounts
  - View active sponsorships
  - Remove sponsorship for myself from a sponsoring practitioner
  - “Request sponsorships” for other support staff to be approved by a practitioner
  - View requested sponsorships



# Support Staff can Access the Sponsorship Tool

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# View Active Sponsorships

The screenshot shows the USPTO Patent Center interface for viewing active sponsorships. The user is logged in as 'Paralegal Two' with an 'Active' status. The page title is 'Patent Center - Sponsorships'. There are navigation tabs for 'Home' and 'Manage', and a 'Have a question?' link. A 'Request sponsorship' button is visible. The user's role is 'Practitioner support' and their email is 'pvt.proofedpps.02@gmail.com'. There are two tabs: 'Active' (selected) and 'Pending requests' (0). Below, it shows '1 Practitioners sponsoring' in a table.

Name	Email	Sponsored on
Attorney Two	pvt.proofedp.02@gmail.com	10/16/2018

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# Sponsorship Highlights

- The sponsorship tool allows practitioners to grant or remove sponsorship for support staff member to work under their direction and control.
- The support staff member will have access to all applications associated with the customer number(s) of the sponsoring practitioner.
- Each support staff must have their own account; accounts may not be shared among support staff.
- Review the Patent Electronic System Access Document, a source document for additional information on the authentication, sponsorship, and verification for accessing the patent electronic system.
- For additional information, please go to the Sponsorship Guide <https://www.uspto.gov/sites/default/files/documents/sponsorship-guide.pdf>

# Stay Informed

- For additional information, please visit <https://www.uspto.gov/AuthenticationChange>.
- Subscribe to USPTO Patents Alerts at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USPTO/subscriber/new>.



# Patent Center Updates

New and unified system to replace EFS-Web and PAIR in 2020

## Single Interface

- Features single interface for filing and managing patent applications

## Recent Technology

- Integrates recent technology
- Allows for enhanced system operations
- Enables increased functionality

## Authentication

- Implements new permanent authentication method
- Independent of Java Applet

## New Functionality Highlights

Upload multiple documents at a time

Drag and drop for document upload

Intuitive document codes/descriptions

DOCX/XML features

New look and feel (user interface)

Save submissions at any time

# DOCX Filing and Retrieval

- Most recent enhancements to EFS-Web and PAIR
  - Ability to accept and process DOCX/XML
  - Limited to specifications, claims, abstract for non-provisional utility applications
- DOCX is only available for utility non-provisional initial filings
- Informational Webpage: <https://www.uspto.gov/patent/docx>
- Quick Start Guides
  - DOCX Intake located under EFS-Web Resources
    - <http://www.uspto.gov/SubmitDOCX>
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# Patent Center Beta Release

- Scheduled for February 2019
- Incorporates updates from Alpha Release and includes additional features
- Larger number of users

If you are interested in receiving more information, please email [eMod@uspto.gov](mailto:eMod@uspto.gov) with the subject line “Participation Request: eMod Patent Center Beta Release” and we will contact you when the guidelines are available, and registration into the Beta Release is open.



# Conclusion

- PKI Certificates will be retired in mid-December
- Create your USPTO.gov account if you do not already have one
- The Migration Tool and Sponsorship Tool are now available
- For additional information, please visit <https://www.uspto.gov/AuthenticationChange>
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# Let's Chat about eMod Update: Accessing EFS-Web and PAIR with USPTO.gov Accounts

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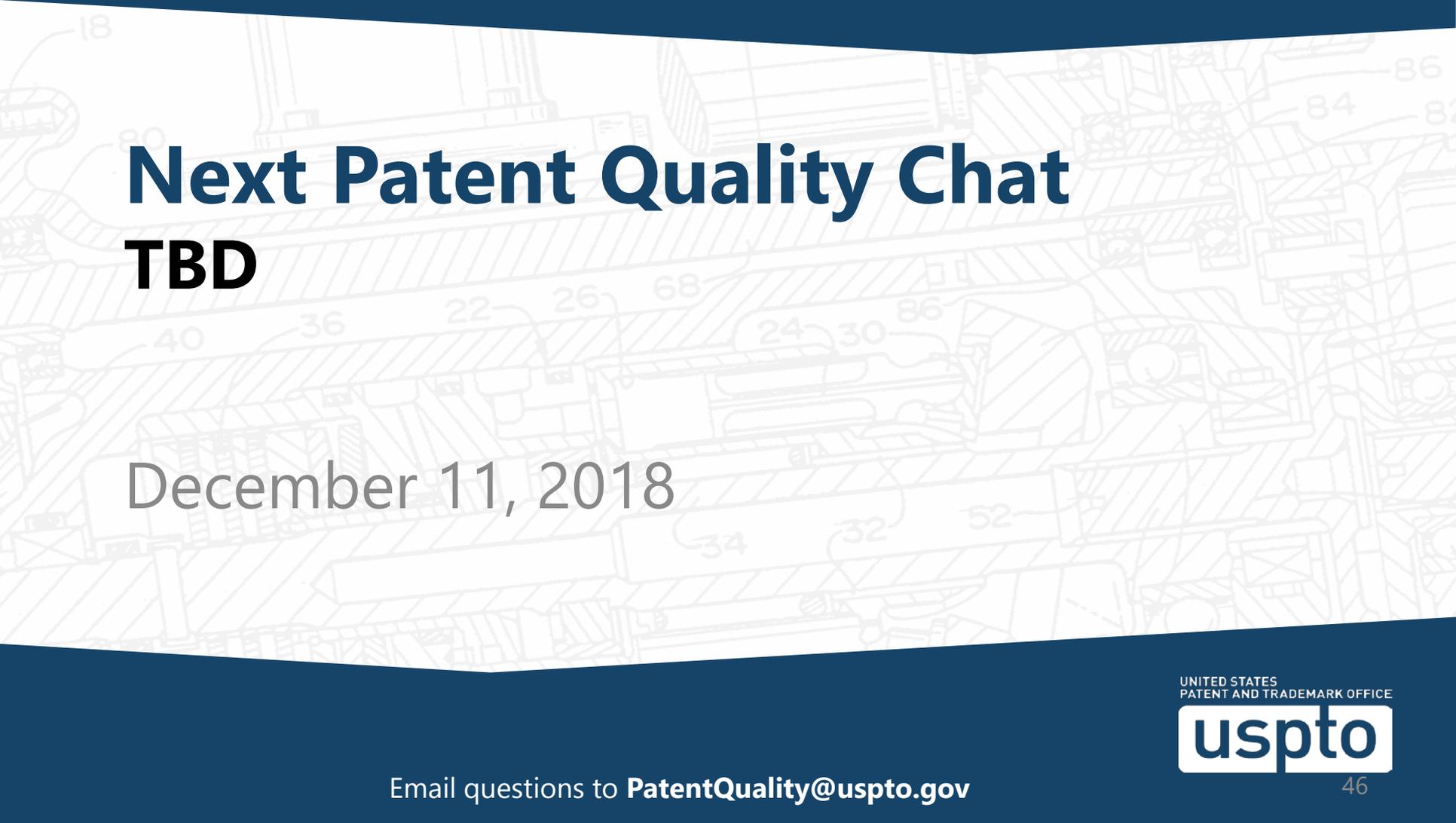
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<b>November 16</b>	<b>2018 Collegiate Inventors Competition Expo<sup>®</sup> and Awards</b> (in Alexandria)
<b>November 27</b>	<b>Patents for Humanity Award Ceremony</b> (in Alexandria)

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