



## FEDERAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PARTNERSHIP (FIPP) COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

### WHAT IS FIPP?

- A community of practice that discusses IP-related issues and questions among federal departments and agencies with the objective of maximizing benefits generated from innovation and IP. It aims to:
  - Provide a forum for federal officials to collectively address horizontal considerations that relate to IP
  - Share IP information among members—best practices, data analytics, trends and approaches to IP within federal organizations
  - Assist in advising senior management at federal organizations on IP issues and best practices that were considered by the FIPP
  - Improve the IP savviness and professional development of federal officials, including those who interact with the public, as well as promote the benefits of IP through the government
  - Increase consistency of IP frameworks and approaches to maximizing the use of IP across the federal government

### WHO MAY PARTICIPATE?

- Since IP issues arise in government at all levels and in various situations, membership would be open to all federal public servants, including senior management, IP management staff and program staff.
- Membership is open to all federal science-based departments and agencies and any federal organization having IP considerations/issues.
- Members would be expected to take part in the discussion forum, raise IP issues of concern, share IP training opportunities, and share useful materials, subject to security considerations.

### HOW DOES IT WORK ?

- The FIPP will be led by the IP Centre of Expertise (IP CoE) and supported by a secretariat function. Their responsibilities include:
  - Establishing a forum for networking and collaboration through monthly meetings and a dedicated web platform
  - Fostering research and advocacy by publishing studies and analysis
  - Maintaining a repository of IP information, including tools and best practices
  - Creating and maintaining departmental profiles and IP specialist contact networks
- Once the initial community is launched with active participation from members, the IP CoE would expand the number of activities using a phased approach to fully implement all elements in the FIPP work plan.
- Once fully established, the Members Committee, the main FIPP committee comprised of all members, will meet monthly to discuss training and information available through the FIPP; produce documents that contain IP information, tools and best practices; propose and implement FIPP priorities; and assist the secretariat in developing an annual report on FIPP's work and initiatives.
- The Members Committee can create subcommittees and working groups including potentially for IP management, technology transfer, governance, innovation programs, etc.
- An oversight committee of DGs from key federal organizations would convene quarterly to address issues that arise during the members committee meetings and make any necessary decisions.
- An intra-departmental ADM-level committee would discuss the progress of the annual report, and approve or make changes to FIPP's direction and priorities.
- Terms of Reference will be developed for all committees with input from FIPP members.