

# Collaborative Search Program (CSP)



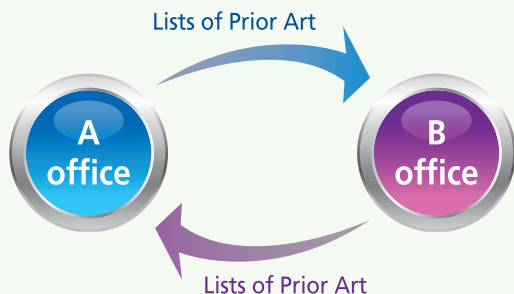
## Concept

where the patent application for the same invention is filed with two IP offices, the offices share lists of prior art relied upon during substantive examination and expedite the examination process as compared to normal requests for patent examination

## Current Status

**KR-US CSP 1<sup>st</sup> Pilot Project (Sep 1, 2015 ~ Aug 31, 2017)**

**KR-US CSP 2<sup>nd</sup> Pilot Project (Nov 1, 2017 ~ Oct 31, 2020)**



## Benefits to Users

- **STRONG PATENT**
  - Secure strong patents by sharing prior art information
- **FAST & HIGH QUALITY EXAMINATION**
  - Patent can be obtained in both IP offices early through accurate and rapid prosecution
- **COST-FREE PROCESS**
  - No extra charge for using CSP
- **CONSISTENCY**
  - Consistent examination result from both IP offices
- **EARLY CERTAINTY**
  - More certainty as to patent rights granted in early stage of examination

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(KIPO) <http://www.kipo.go.kr/csp/> , (USPTO) <http://www.uspto.gov>



## Requirements for Participation in the KR-US CSP

1. The earliest date of the applications filled in KIPO and the USPTO is the same
2. The examination request is made before or at the same time as the CSP request
3. CSP request is made before the first office action
4. CSP request is based on a single application
5. Corresponding claims between KIPO and the USPTO are identical  
(the category of invention cannot be changed)
6. The earliest date is March 16, 2013 or later
7. The number of claims is 20 or less, and among them, independent claims are 3 or less
8. A claim citing 2 or more claims is excluded (USPTO Requirement)
9. The requirement for unity of invention is met

## Process of the KR-US CSP

