Global Identifier Initiative

Committee on WIPO Standards
Global Identifier Goals

- To create global identifier system that would uniquely identify applicants and assignees across different IP Offices around the world
- Utilize the global identifiers within IPOs to help manage and track applicant and application data and support IP business processes at global level
Benefits of Global Identifiers

• Helps improve application and applicant data quality
• Improves applicant’s ability to manage their intellectual property at a global level
• Supports a more global IP framework
  – Enables development of streamlined global patent business processes
  – Improved mapping of applications across IPOs
Business and IT considerations

• Handling of legal entities and legal representatives
• Need for new business processes to accommodate, utilize, and leverage GIDs
• Standardizing different GID solutions between IPOs and Industry
• Management and handling of PII/BII
Managing PII/BII at USPTO

- Issuance of GID would require additional personal and business identifiable information not currently collected at USPTO
  - Privacy Impact Assessments
  - System of Record Notices
  - Cybersecurity assessments
Other Considerations

• Development/modification of processes and systems to address identified use cases
• Consideration of work done in Applicant Name Standardization TF and other related initiatives
• Ownership and management of GID data
• Technology platform
Next Steps

• GID efforts presented to IP5 Offices WGs
• Evaluation of potential GID use cases
  – Development of business requirements
  – Evaluation of legal considerations