

SUBJECT: AMC Center for Patent Prosecution Excellence

PURPOSE: To Update MSC Commanders on Recent Intellectual Property Law Initiatives

O The AMC Office of the Command Counsel recently established the AMC Center for Patent Prosecution Excellence ("CPPE"). The CPPE is a comprehensive, integrated system for protecting, leveraging, and licensing AMC intellectual property.

O The goals of the CPPE are threefold:

OO To protect valuable AMC intellectual property;

OO To bring in royalty and other income to AMC labs; and

OO To increase the military and commercial state-of-the-art

O The CPPE will be run by a customer-focused team that facilitates the invention disclosure and patenting process for the inventor and the lab director. In addition, the CPPE will maximize technology transfer professionals' ability to license AMC technology and bring royalty and other income into the lab.

O There are five on-going initiatives within the CPPE.

1. Invention Disclosure. The CPPE will encourage the protection of valuable intellectual property through inventor outreach, process improvement, and patent prioritization.

2. Patent Services Contract. This CPPE will team with several high quality intellectual property law firms during the patenting process, in order to improve the quality of patent applications and patent prosecution. AMC recently issued a solicitation and is currently in the proposal evaluation phase.

3. Docket Management. The CPPE will automate the reporting of all AMC inventions and patents, in order to add visibility to our intellectual property and to assist in meeting Congressional reporting requirements. The CPPE will use a web-based program ("IPMIS") which was developed by the Navy and is available at minimal cost to us.

4. Technology Transfer. The CPPE will team with partnership intermediaries to identify potential commercial partners to license AMC technology. The laboratory may use its share of the royalties for R&D and other purposes called out in the law. The inventor also retains a portion of the royalties.

5. Attorney Recruitment and Retention. The CPPE will establish methods to recruit and retain highly skilled intellectual property lawyers. To do this, the CPPE will establish a "Lab to Lawyer" program which will incentivize interested, qualified AMC scientists and engineers to become patent agents or patent counsel.

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