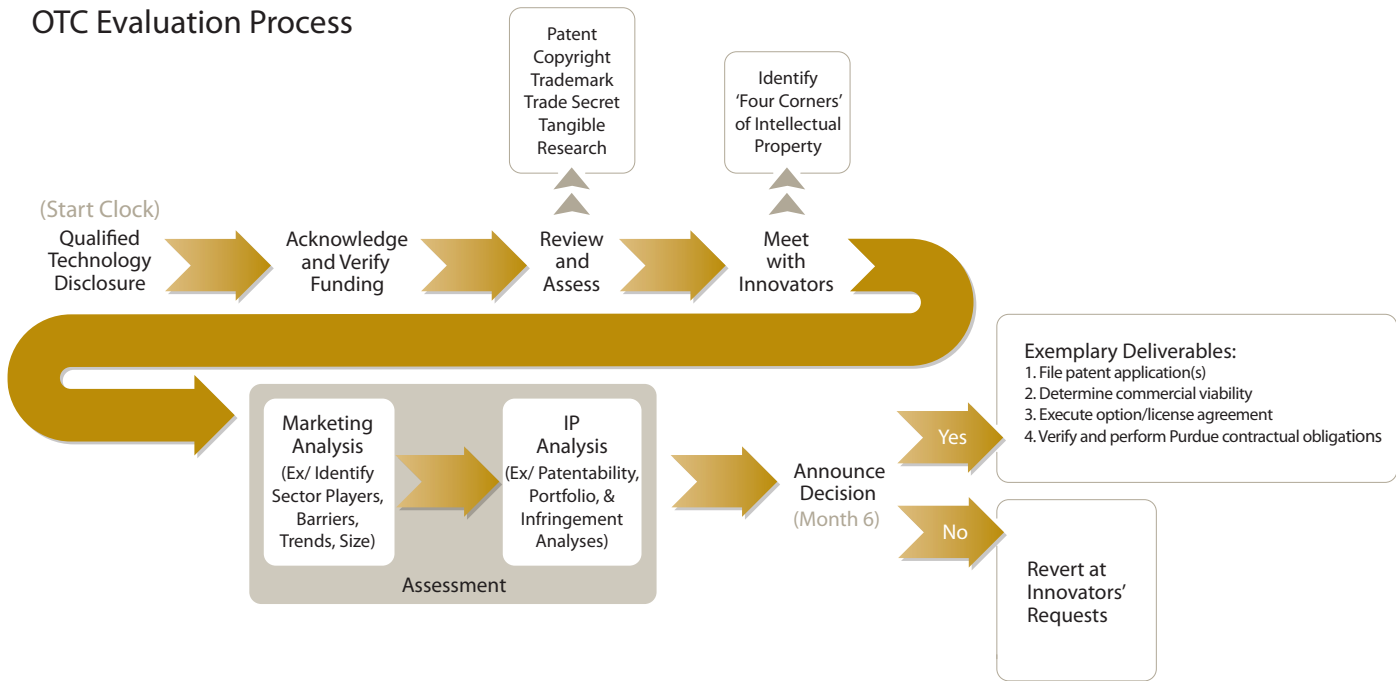


Chapter 1: Protecting Your Innovation



Interacting with the Purdue Office of Technology Commercialization

Disclosure

It is important for Purdue innovators to disclose their intellectual property (IP) as soon as possible to the Purdue Office of Technology Commercialization (OTC) professionals in order to protect the IP. Such early disclosure is now particularly important since the enacting of the America Invents Act of 2012 and that Act's "First Inventor to File or Publish" provisions essentially means the first inventor to file a patent application may be entitled to a patent. Purdue policy I.A.1 states that "[i]nventors shall promptly in writing disclose and assign each Invention to the University." OTC is established to receive invention disclosures and subsequently manage the process of technology commercialization. OTC works with Purdue-originated inventions in which Purdue Research Foundation, on behalf of the University, confirms ownership.

Technology Disclosure Form For Inventions

Inventors disclose technologies to the OTC by completing a Technology Disclosure Form, found at otc-prf.org/Disclosures. Receipt of the completed

Technology Disclosure Form sets OTC's internal technology assessment in motion. The form is intended for inventions that are potentially patentable and is completed in a three-part process.

- First, information describing the invention, to the fullest extent possible at the time of submission, is provided by a Purdue inventor(s). This first step can be thought of as the answer to "what is the invention?" Upon submission, an internal reference number is assigned to the invention which is used throughout its life by the OTC – at which point an IP manager is assigned to the invention. A written acknowledgement is sent to the inventor(s), confirming receipt of the Technology Disclosure Form and detailing the next steps in the process.
- Second, the IP manager reviews detailed data, results, diagrams, graphs, and information in the public domain, and may request additional information from the inventor(s) to ensure sufficiency of information and perform an analysis for patentability and commercial feasibility.