

## United States Patent Office issued Annual Report

Some important excerpts:

The *USPTO 2010-2015 Strategic Plan* ([www.uspto.gov/about/stratplan/index.jsp](http://www.uspto.gov/about/stratplan/index.jsp)) is designed to strengthen the capacity of the USPTO by focusing on a specific set of goals and the steps we must take to reach those goals, as follows:

- Provide timely examination of patent applications: Reduce the average time to **first office action for patent applications to 10 months** (average time from filing until an examiner's initial determination on patentability), and **average total pendency to 20 months** (average time from filing until the application is issued as a patent or abandoned)

For my foreign clients:

Patent Prosecution Highway programs designed to facilitate prosecution of those patents, which got allowance in some foreign country. If patent is granted in the foreign country, statistically in about 90% of cases it gets allowance in USA, see statistics below. Figure below shows percentage of allowed patents.

