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## **The Enhanced Patent Quality Initiative: Where Are We Now?**

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## Topics for Discussion

- Overview of Enhanced Patent Quality Initiative (EPQI)
- Updates of EPQI Specific Programs
  - Topic Submission for Case Studies
  - Clarity and Correctness Data Capture (CCDC) (formerly Master Review Form, or MRF)
  - Quality Metrics
  - Clarity of the Record Pilot

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## Patent Quality Pillars



Pillar 1 – Excellence in Work Products



Pillar 2 – Excellent in Measuring Patent Quality

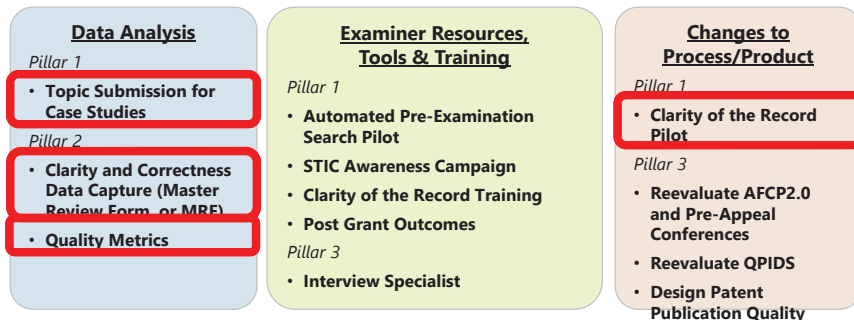


Pillar 3 – Excellence in Customer Service

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# Evolving Programs

Focus on three implementation areas:



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## Topic Submission for Case Studies Pilot



**Data Analysis**

**Pillar 1**

- Topic Submission for Case Studies

- Initiated by a Federal Register Notice (December 21, 2015)
- Invites stakeholders to submit patent-quality related topics they believe should be the subject of a case study
  - Case study to be conducted by Office of Patent Quality Assurance (OPQA)
  - Submissions were accepted through February 12, 2016

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