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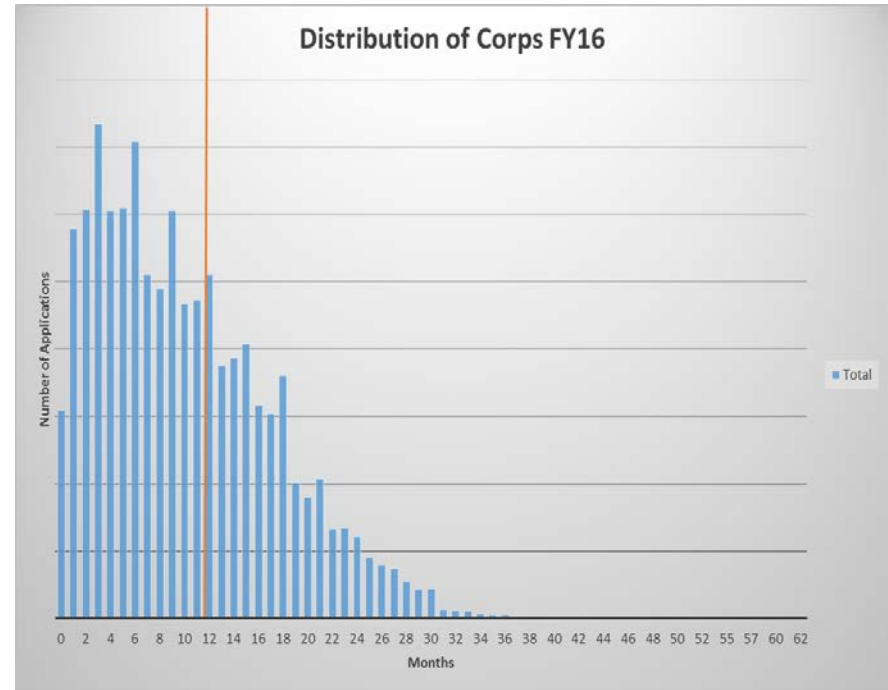
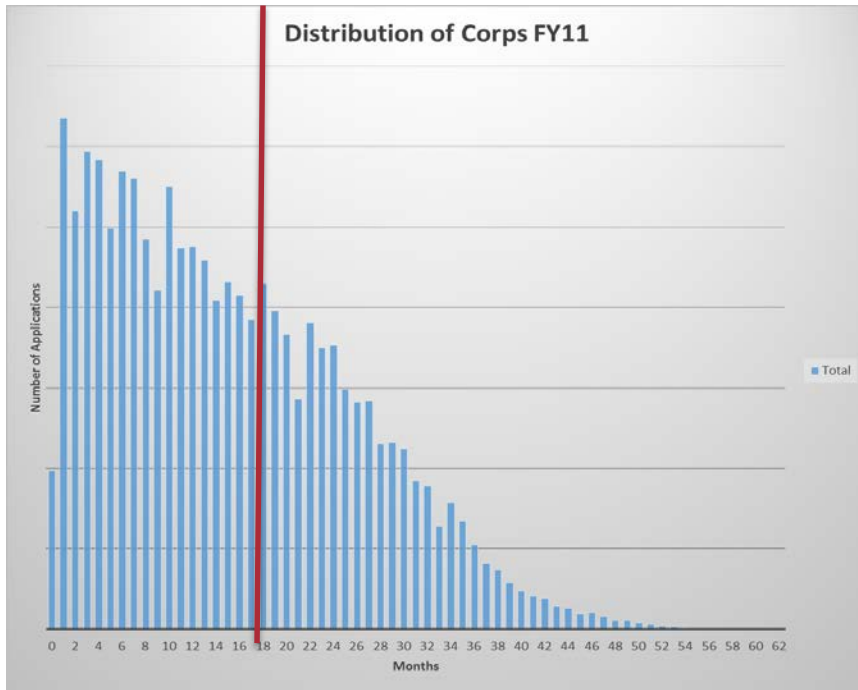
Pendency

- Optimize patent timeliness
- Pendency Reduction Initiatives
- First Action and Total Pendency
- Filings
- USPTO Initiatives

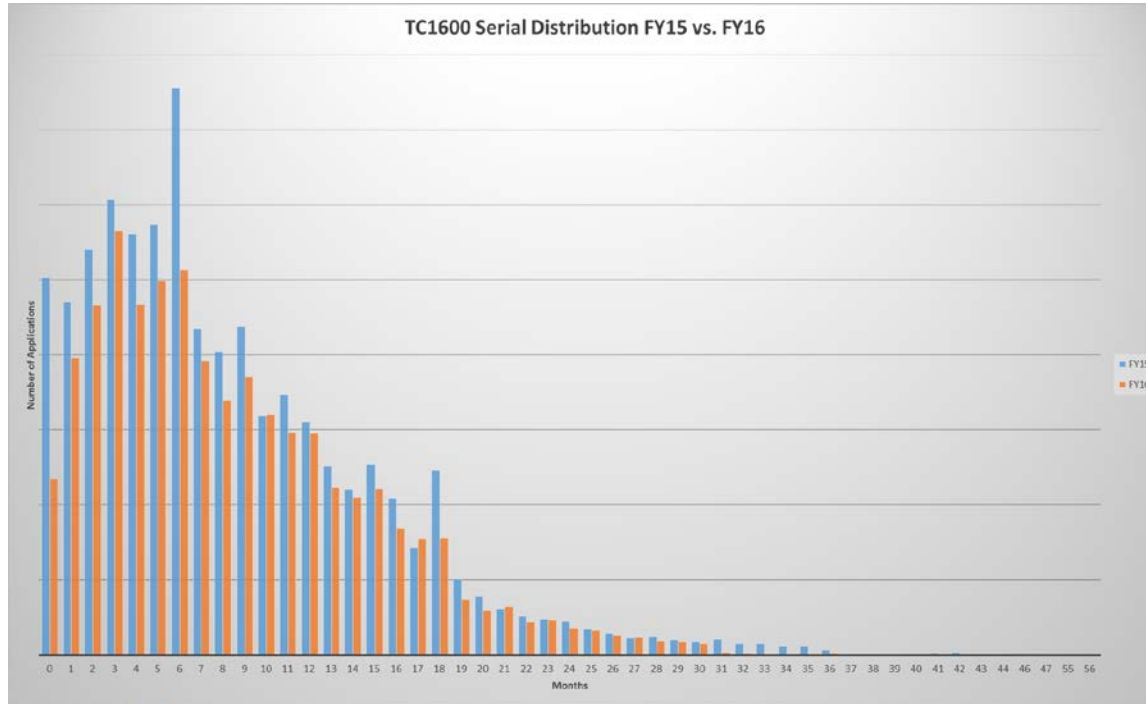
Optimizing Timeliness

- *Congress and the public have recognized that patent pendency has a direct impact on America's competitiveness.-USPTO Strategic Plan 2010-2015*
- *The USPTO has committed to reducing the excess inventory of unexamined patent applications and pendency – both of which affect the delivery of innovative goods and services to market and the related economic growth and creation of high-paying jobs.-USPTO Strategic Plan 2014-2018*

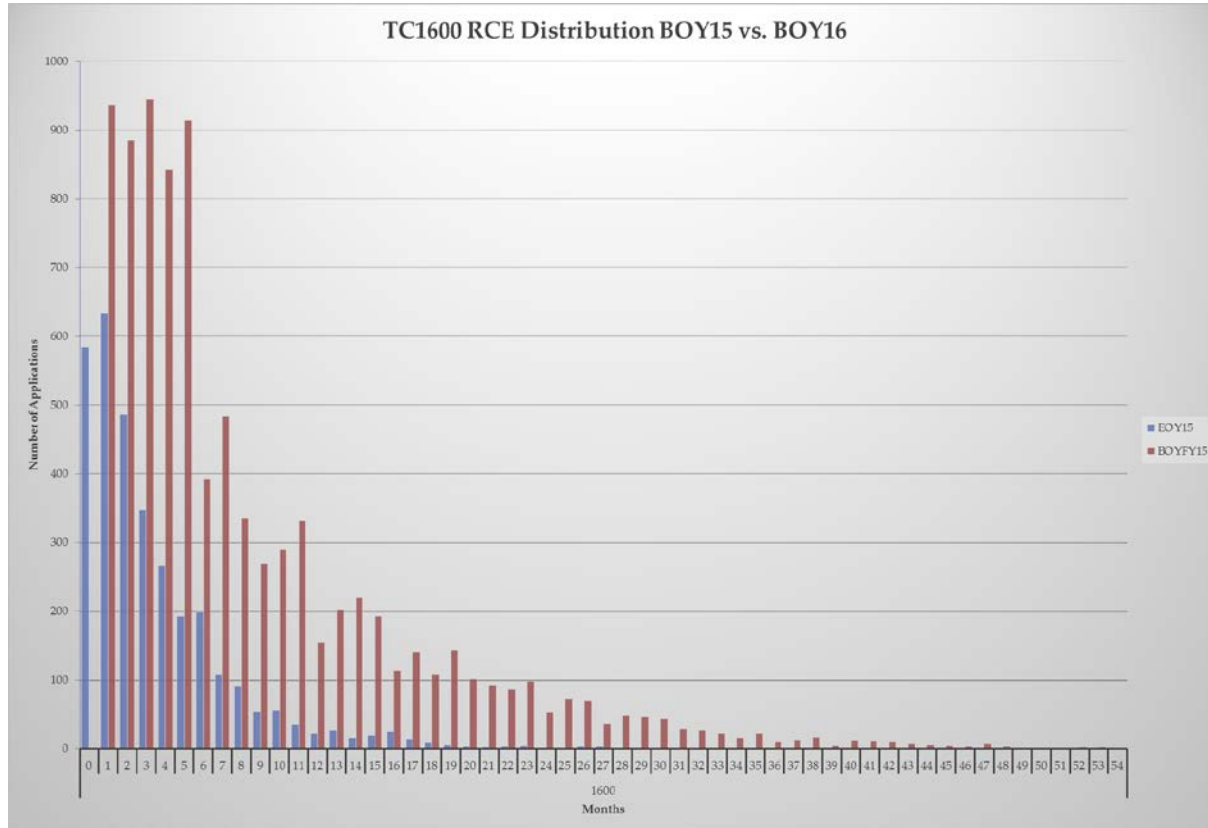
Backlog Reduction



Serial Applications



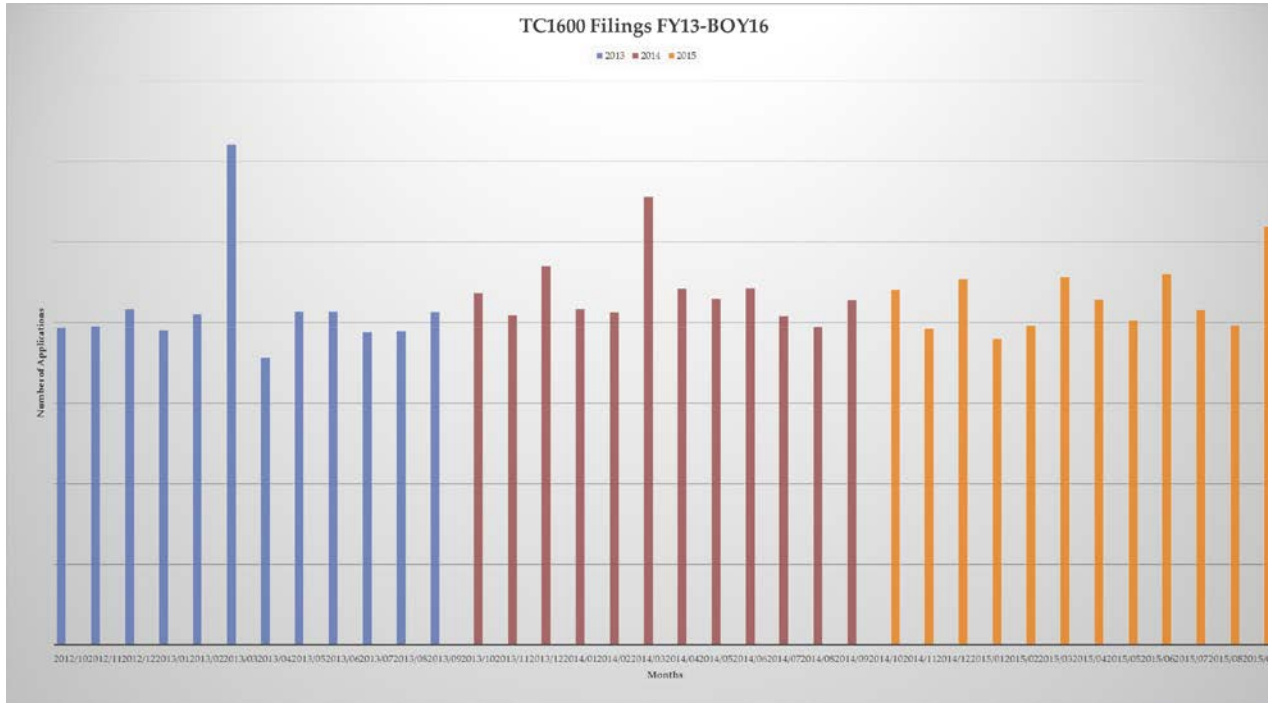
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TC1600 Pendency

		FA Pendency	Total Pendency
		BOY16	BOY16
1600		14.1	25.3
1610	Pharmaceutical Compositions	13.9	24.8
1620	Small Molecules	12	21.9
1630	Nucleic Acids	17.1	29.7
1640	Immunology	14	27.6
1650	Peptides/ Microorganisms	15.1	25.9
1660	Plants	18.2	27.5
1670	Process chemistry, carbohydrates, NA's, Peptides, Assays	12.3	24.9

Filings



Improving Processing Times

