

USPTO award of \$4 million in fy 2010 grants to groups advising developing countries on intellectual property issues

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Last year the USPTO announced the award of \$4 million in fy 2009 grants to advise developing countries on intellectual property policies. The first set of grants were done under Arti Rai, then Administrator for External Affairs at USPTO. The grants went to a variety of pro-right owner groups, including those associated with Newt Gingrich and the Tea Party, and several supported by firms like Pfizer and Microsoft. Seven of the groups receiving the fy 2009 have in common the fact they received funding from either Microsoft or the Gates Foundation.

See: [Your tax dollars at work. Obama administration funding of pro-right holder NGO work on IPR protection, fy 2009](#), Sept 13, 2010.

Today the USPTO shared its fy 2010 grants for the same program. The biggest winners in the fy 2010 competition were Light Years IP, which received \$1.26 million for its "education program in Ethiopia and Uganda," and Bruce Lehman's International Intellectual Property Institute, which received four grants totaling \$1.58 million.

The list of grants follows:

USPTO International Intellectual Property Initiatives

Through Congressionally-mandated Appropriations

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RECIPIENT NON-PROFIT	IP PROJECT TITLE	AGREEMENT NUMBER	AGREEMENT AMOUNT
The National Academy of Sciences	Comparative Study on Intellectual Property Management in Standard-Setting Organizations and	2010-140-113	\$386,675

(NAS)	in Government Mandated or Approved Standards		
Kenan Foundation Asia	Update the Kenan Institute Asia-EPO Comparative Assessment Study of Patent Offices in Southeast Asia	2010-140-114	\$75,792
University of California, Berkeley	The Implications of Patent Application Growth in China on the USPTO	2010-140-115	\$371,478
Light Years IP	Implement a comprehensive education program in Ethiopia and Uganda	2010-140-116	\$1,261,463
California Western School of Law	Roundtable Program and Study on the Use of Alternative Dispute Resolution in IPR Litigation	2010-140-117	\$106,125
Widener University	Joint Project on the Connection Between Counterfeit Hard Good and Public Health and Safety	2010-140-118	\$115,630
National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)	Conference and Journal Publication on IP Standards	11143040-0000-000	\$122,000
International Intellectual Property Institute	Study of the Connection between Unauthorized Cam-cording of Cinematographic Works and Internet or Optical Media Piracy	2010-140-120	\$254,770
	Study on Connections Between Governmental Technical Assistance and Capacity Building in Foreign Markets and the Growth of Exports	2010-140-121	\$443,058

	Study on the Economic Impact of "TRIPS plus" Free Trade Agreements on IP Enforcement	2010-140-122	\$396,298
	Study and Update of the 2005 International Bar Association Survey on Specialized IPR Courts and Subsequent Seminar	2010-140-112	\$486,029

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