

**CERTIFICATION AND PETITION FOR THE
FIRST-TIME FILER EXPEDITED EXAMINATION PILOT PROGRAM**

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First-Named Inventor:		Nonprovisional Application Number (if known):	
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Title of Invention:			
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