



**Intellectual Property  
Ontario**

## **Interested in serving IPON clients?**

**Call for expressions of interest from IP lawyers, IP professionals, and other IP service providers**

**Apply to join our roster of service providers**

Intellectual Property Ontario (IPON) provides its clients with access to a selection of vetted, quality service providers with expertise in various areas of IP protection, strategy, and commercialization.

IPON is inviting you to apply to be part of IPON's roster of service providers. In this respect, IPON is seeking ***individuals with demonstrated depth of experience, including:***

- ***IP lawyers (licensed under Ontario's Law Society Act to practice law in Ontario as a barrister and solicitor),***
- ***Patent agents and Trademark agents (licensed under the College of Patent Agents and Trademark Agents Act (Canada)),***
- ***IP licensing professionals,***
- ***IP market analysis / patent landscape professionals, and***
- ***IP valuation experts, among others.***

Applicants must be able to demonstrate expertise and the ability to provide IP services in at least one of the following sectors:

- MedTech
- life sciences
- artificial intelligence (AI) and data driven technologies
- vehicle technologies (autonomous and electric vehicles)
- mining tech
- advanced manufacturing
- agritech

- cleantech
- nanotechnology

IP services include drafting, filing, and prosecuting patent/industrial design/trademark applications, corresponding with CIPO/USPTO, engaging and directing foreign agents regarding foreign filing and prosecution matters, branding creation and guidance, drafting/negotiating licenses and agreements relating to IP, research and the preparation of IP landscape reports, conducting IP valuations, etc.

Service providers will have an independent client relationship with IPON clients. Rostered service providers are expected to work with their IPON client to complete and sign the IPON-provided Statement of Work (SOW) template that details the services that are to be provided. IPON requires a completed SOW that is signed by both the client and service provider, and authorized by IPON, before the IP work can commence and be subject to partial reimbursement by IPON after completion.

IPON will not have any direct relationship with the service providers. IPON's role will be limited to overseeing the SOW process and providing financial assistance to its clients to cover a portion of their fees owing for professional IP services rendered on their behalf, as well as associated eligible disbursements. IPON funds are dispersed to clients on a reimbursement basis and will provide a partial subsidy up to a maximum cap. Clients will pay the balance of the professional fees, ineligible disbursements, and taxes themselves.

## **Expectations**

Rostered service providers are expected to:

- Provide IP services in respect of: MedTech, life sciences, artificial intelligence (AI) and data driven technologies, vehicle technologies (autonomous and electric vehicles), mining tech, advanced manufacturing, agritech, cleantech, and nanotechnology;
- Be willing and able to work with IPON to deliver reasonable flat-fee services on a discounted rate basis to IPON clients; and
- Work to provide services to IPON clients on expedited timelines.

## **More information**

Please complete this [online form](#) if you are interested in being included on IPON's roster of service providers and you:

- ✓ Can demonstrate IP expertise and the ability to service clients in Ontario as legal or business advisors in IP.

- ✓ Have demonstrated IP protection, strategy, and commercialization expertise in at least one of: MedTech, life sciences, artificial intelligence (AI) and data driven technologies, vehicle technologies (autonomous and electric vehicles), mining tech, advanced manufacturing, agritech, cleantech, and nanotechnology.
- ✓ Have at least **10 years of experience** as an IP lawyer, patent or trademark agent, or other IP professional.

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis and IPON will contact all eligible applicants.

At this time, IPON is particularly interested in seeking applications from licensing professionals, trademark agents, IP valuers, and patent landscape professionals.

Those selected for the IPON roster will be invited to participate in IPON events and networking sessions, which provide opportunities for increasing their profile while building capacity in Ontario's IP ecosystem. Rostered service providers will be required to provide feedback to evaluate user experience and customer satisfaction.

## **Accessibility**

If you require further information or accommodation in alternative formats, please contact IPON at [info@ip-ontario.ca](mailto:info@ip-ontario.ca).