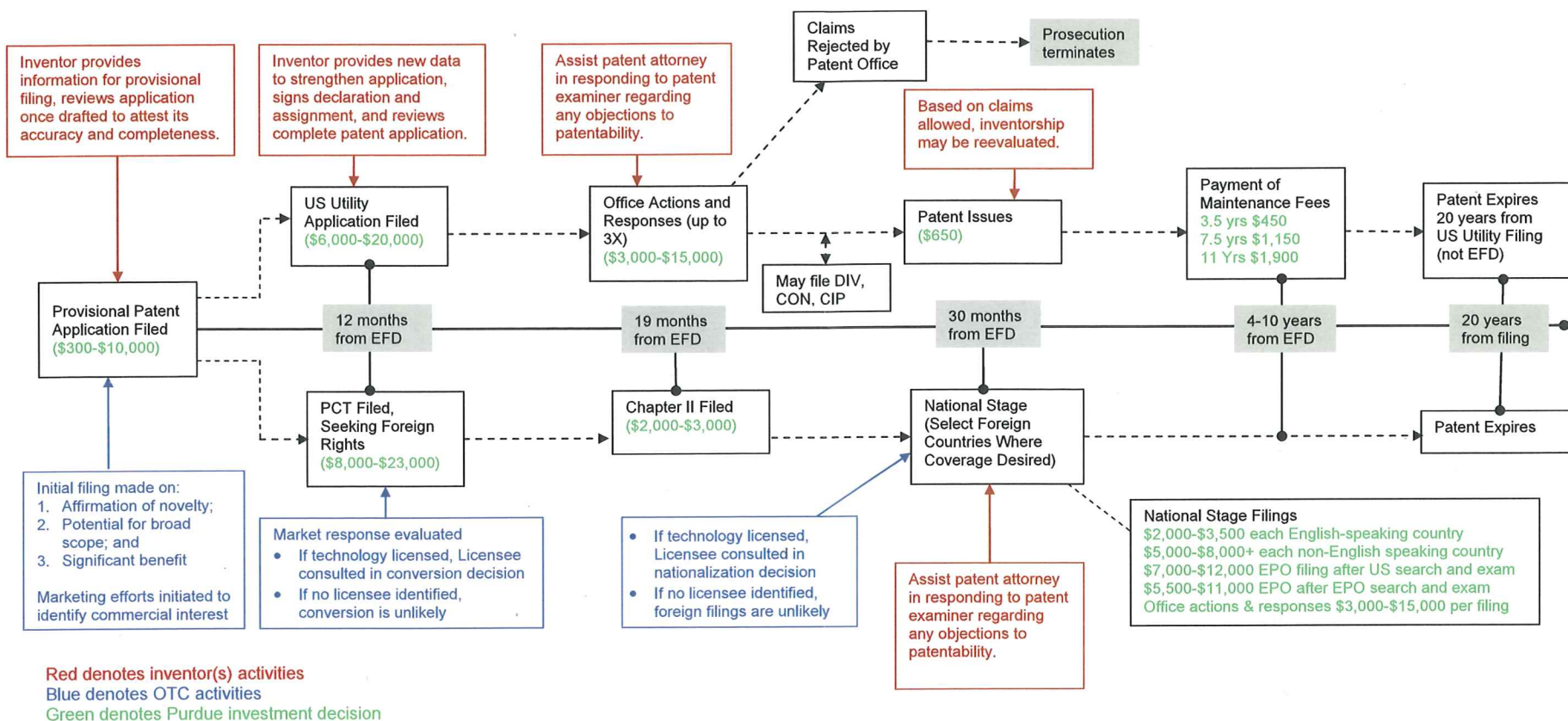


General Guidelines on Patent Calendar and Cost Estimates

(This flow chart represents *general* calendar rules. Please note that each case is different and can be affected by innumerable factors.)



Provisional – Place holder/starts clock
 Utility – Application that is examined
 EFD – Effective file date – Date provisional patent application filed
 DIV – Follow-on application to request examination of separate sets of claims
 CON – Continuation; Refile to continue prosecution
 CIP – Continuation in Part; Procedure to file new subject matter to replace the original

Documents to be executed by inventor/PRF

- Declarations & Power of Attorney (POA) – Sworn attestation by inventors that they are true inventors of technology claimed in the patent application and PRF attests that it is the owner of the application
- Assignments – Documents assigning invention to PRF under VIII.4.1