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In my opinion, the USPTO should consider Rochester, NY as a location for a future satellite office.

There are many reasons why I think this would be a good location, but I will mention a handful of them based on reputation and personal experience.

- 1) Rochester is home to 2 universities with fantastic research, engineering and scientific reputations (RIT and University of Rochester) which are pioneers in nanotechnology, imaging, optics, computer programming, electrical engineering, IT development, physics, chemistry, and sustainability – and have strong cooperative education programs existing for students.
- 2) The cost of living in the Rochester area is much less than the DC Metro area, with excellent public schools.
- 3) Excellent innovative reputation at Strong Memorial Hospital in pharmaceuticals and medical care.
- 4) Location of several leading innovation companies in the fields of optics and imaging (Kodak, Bausch & Lomb, Xerox)
- 5) A large pool of potential college graduate and experienced scientists and engineers make Rochester home.

I've been impressed with my time at the USPTO so far, and think the planned satellite office in Detroit is a wonderful idea because it is a market with a large pool of engineers who need jobs and could provide the Office with great experience while improving that local economy and allowing employees there to live in a place with a lower cost of living. For those reasons and others, Rochester would be a great new location for the present and the future.

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