

As of April 20, 2012, the USPTO intends to modify the subject award to add space to the current lease agreement with Iron Mountain/National Underground Storage as an alternate processing site. The estimated value of this modification is \$17M over a period of 4 years.

Market research was conducted to determine if moving to an alternate site for this additional space would be beneficial, and it was determined that remaining in the Iron Mountain limestone facility was in the best interest of the Government.

In addition to meeting the USPTO's space requirements, Iron Mountain provides many benefits and cost savings that can not be achieved at any other facility at this time, including geo-thermal cooling, reducing both utility costs and the USPTO's carbon footprint over time.

Further, relocation of the data center that currently exists within the facility would be cost prohibitive, factoring: termination of current existing network contracts; dismantling, transportation, and reinstallation of existing hardware; and moving costs.

Additionally, the risk of disruption to the USPTO operations and disaster recovery capabilities during relocation far exceed monetary concerns.

Based on the above, the financial impact and possible disruption to USPTO operations preclude seeking an alternate site for the expanded processing site.

The base notices regarding this lease agreement posted on December 16, 2010 and May 16, 2011 resulted in no interested qualified parties.