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Mr. David Kappos,
Director, US Patent and Trademark Office
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Subject: SEAKR Support for a USPTO Satellite Office in Denver

Dear Mr. Kappos:

This letter shall serve as SEAKR Engineering's full support of the potential opening of a satellite office of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

SEAKR designs and manufactures electronic assemblies, subsassemblies and components for application in space, usually on satellites built by large aerospace prime contractors. SEAKR was a small company located in Los Angeles with approximately 20 employees in 1995 when the company won a contract with Lockheed Martin Denver. Today, SEAKR is located in Centennial Colorado, employing 380 people while delivering products to customers around the world. Part of the credit for the company's organic growth must be given to its relocation to the Denver area.

Because of the contract with Lockheed Martin, SEAKR moved from the Los Angeles area to a location in what is now Centennial CO. SEAKR has found that the front range of Colorado nurtures innovative companies in a wide variety of ways. Several large companies operating in the aerospace sector have a presence here, creating an opportunity for local suppliers. This proximity allows for face-to-face meetings, which results in a better understanding of end customer needs and potentially leads to productization of solutions to meet those needs, enabling regular advances in the state of the art. SEAKR itself has made a number of advances since moving to Colorado. The concentration of high technology industries in Colorado demands and ultimately generates a workforce with high value technical skills. These technical skills have served SEAKR and other high technology firms well. We believe this workforce would also be available to the US Patent and Trademark Office satellite office. Additionally, Colorado is consistently noted as a highly desirable place to live, which a key asset in the recruitment of new workers from outside the state. This would certainly be an advantage to locating a satellite USPTO office in the Denver area. The office would be able to leverage and recruit a highly skilled workforce, many of which would be familiar with the technology used by many patent applications.

You can look around the Front Range and see numerous high technology companies that have been able to grow in this environment. Intellectual property is a concern to all of them including SEAKR. Having a satellite office in the Denver area would result in a better connection between inventors and the staff of the USPTO, resulting in high quality reviews of patent applications that would address some of those concerns.

SEAKR respectfully requests that a USPTO office be located in the Denver area.

Sincerely,



Chris Miller
Senior Vice President