Mr. Khan,

I wanted to follow up with you regarding our conversation about the particular metrics for potential locations for a satellite office in North Carolina. The North Carolina Department of Commerce, based in Raleigh, in collaboration with its network of regionally based economic developers located throughout the state, can provide a suite of services to help the USPTO find a facility to fit its needs. Specifically, such services include:

- Recommendation of appropriate buildings and sites
- Location, site, and topographical maps and photographs
- Community/site evaluation based on needs
- Personalized building/site/community tours
- Logistics/travel assistance
- Human Resources assistance

In addition, with its AccessNC online database (http://accessnc.commerce.state.nc.us/EDIS/page1.html), the Department provides an easily accessible one-stop source for North Carolina economic data and site information. You can find properties statewide that meet your needs, and the system allows you to map these properties and create custom demographic reports for the site-specific locations you select. One or more of the Department's specialists would work directly with USPTO staff to provide assistance, and lease rates are asking rates and many brokers are open to negotiation for a user as large as the USPTO.

Please let me know if I can help or assist in anyway.

Respectfully,

Bradford Sneeden