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DEVELOPMENT CENTER, Inc.

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Mr. Azam Khan, Deputy Chief of Staff
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Mail Stop Office of Under Secretary and Director
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA, 22313-1450

Dear Mr. Khan,

Adelante Development Center is one of the largest nonprofit agencies in New Mexico. We operate multiple social enterprises that serve the businesses in the Albuquerque metro area and we are among the largest employers in the region. We care greatly about this community and, as a stakeholder in its success, I am writing to you in hopes that you will strongly consider Albuquerque as a site for a satellite office of the USPTO.

Albuquerque is a city that is known for innovation especially in regard to our national laboratories and the companies and industries the lab has helped to create. Albuquerque is also home to many small businesses that would benefit from a patent office as well as trademark help. Many of our businesses are family-owned and small businesses so the proximity to your offices would encourage the number of patent and trademark filings in our city. Even the nonprofits could benefit. For example, Adelante is known for innovation and has multiple trademark approvals in process for our business entities and programs.

Perhaps an unheralded reason to locate in Albuquerque is the excellent network of nonprofit organizations our city enjoys, and the coordination and cooperation among those organizations. This is important because, as our United Way documents, one in three residents utilize the services provided by this network. Our city's nonprofits operate to benefit all of our citizens, including those employed by both public and private sectors. In other words, many employees of the USPTO will utilize and appreciate the excellent network of social supports that most of us need at some time in our lives.

Adelante is in agreement with Albuquerque Economic Development that our city has many aspects that would be of benefit to your organization. Albuquerque has an excellent university, an international airport, and multiple governmental agencies that could perhaps partner with your team to share space.

I am sure you are aware of the cultural and historical aspects of our great state, but I hope you also realize that our community is filled with people and organizations that are forward thinkers. Thank you for considering Albuquerque as the next USPTO satellite site.

Sincerely,



Mike Kivitz
President/CEO

We help people with disabilities achieve their goals.

