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Subject: Please Select Albuquerque, New Mexico for a satellite office of the USPTO

Mr. Azam Khan, Deputy Chief of Staff
United States Patent and Trademark Office

Dear Sir:

I want to provide you with reasons why U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) should select the Albuquerque metro area for a new regional satellite patent and trademark office.

U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman and I believe that the USPTO and the State of New Mexico would both greatly benefit from the selection of Albuquerque as a location for a satellite office.

Creation of a satellite office in Albuquerque would help USPTO's efforts to recruit and retain a highly skilled workforce, reduce patent application pendency and improve quality, and enhance communication between the USPTO and the patent applicant community.

Albuquerque, New Mexico as part of the Land of Enchantment, would be a very favored location for a satellite office. USPTO will find that Albuquerque would best serve the interests of its employees, the USPTO's user community, and America's patent and trademark system, while ensuring geographic diversity among USPTO's offices.

Albuquerque, New Mexico has a highly technically skilled workforce in this area. New Mexico has on a per capita basis has one the most highly trained group of scientists and engineers in all technical disciplines. The Sandia National Laboratories and the Air Force Research Laboratories call Albuquerque home. Intel has a major facility in Albuquerque. The University of New Mexico main campus is located in Albuquerque. In New Mexico we also have Los Alamos National Laboratory and the White Sands Missile Test Ranch.

The United States Patent Office roll of registered attorneys and agents shows 74 of them call Albuquerque home and that 113 of them call New Mexico their home.

In 2011 New Mexico inventors were awarded 557 United States Patents. New Mexico inventors were awarded a total of 10,793 United States Patents up to January 17, 2012. In 2011 Albuquerque inventors were awarded 285 United States Patents. Albuquerque inventors were awarded a total of 5,556 United States Patents up to January 17, 2012.

New Mexico has good weather, low cost of living, and a lack of traffic congestion that makes it a highly favored place to live. If selected Albuquerque has the registered patent professionals to help the USPTO get an office opened and working very fast and effectively.

I sincerely hope that you will find the Land of Enchantment absolutely irresistible and select Albuquerque as a site for a satellite office.

If I may be of further assistance to you, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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