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RE: Nationwide Workforce Program, Request for Comments on Additional USPTO Satellite  
Office Docket Number PTO-C-2011-0066

Dear Deputy Chief of Staff Khan,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Nevada Resort Association to support locating a United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) satellite in Las Vegas, Nevada. Las Vegas is an ideal location for a satellite based on the USPTO's goals 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.

Nevada's relatively low cost of living, availability of affordable housing, and low tax environment are strong assets for recruiting and retaining a highly skilled workforce. The University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) has an accredited College of Engineering for those seeking both undergraduate and advanced degrees.

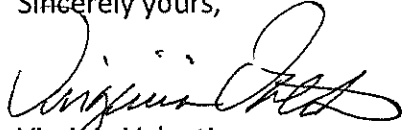
Las Vegas is well suited geographically for a satellite office. McCarran International Airport is the 6<sup>th</sup> busiest passenger airport in the nation. Los Angeles, CA, Phoenix, AZ and Salt Lake City, UT are all within an hour flight or a few hours drive.

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Nevada based gaming companies are the world leaders in gaming technology. The industry is continually developing new games and technology. There is great potential for proprietary technology as mobile and internet gaming evolve.

We believe that Las Vegas would be a great location for a USPTO satellite and respectfully ask for your favorable decision.

Sincerely yours,

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Virginia Valentine

President