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Mr. Azam Khan, Deputy Chief of Staff
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Dear Mr. Khan:

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) should select the Albuquerque metro area for a new regional satellite patent and trademark office. The USPTO and the State of New Mexico would both greatly benefit from this selection.

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 while enhancing communication between the USPTO and the patent applicant community.

Albuquerque, New Mexico 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.

UNM School of Law provides a steady stream of qualified, motivated, and interested attorneys who have the required technical background and who are interested in a career in patent law.

Albuquerque has a highly technical skilled workforce in this area. New Mexico has on a per capita basis one of the most highly trained group of scientists and engineers in all technical disciplines. The per capita number of PhD level scientists and engineers in New Mexico is the highest in the United States. 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. Nearby in New Mexico we also have Los Alamos National Laboratory, New Mexico Tech, New Mexico State University and the White Sands Missile Test Range.

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.

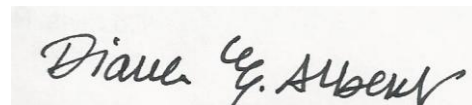
In 2011 New Mexico inventors were awarded 557 United States Patents. New Mexico inventors were awarded a total of 10,793 United States Patents up to January 17, 2012. In 2011 Albuquerque inventors were awarded 285 United States Patents. Albuquerque inventors were awarded a total of 5,556 United States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

New Mexico has great weather, a low cost of living, and a lack of traffic congestion that makes the Land of Enchantment a highly favored place to live and work. The satellite patent office could easily be placed within a few minutes' drive from the Albuquerque Sunport airport for easy access to accommodate inventors, registered patent attorneys and patent agents that frequent the office for interviews with examiners. If selected, Albuquerque has the registered patent professionals to help the USPTO get an office opened and working very fast and effectively.

The New Mexico Bar has an active and engaged Intellectual Property Practice Section, with a large number of registered patent attorneys in its membership. We are prepared to assist you in any way.

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane E. Albert". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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