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The USPTO is a single unit for which separating it would not bring cohesion nor opportunities that people who wish to move up in the Office would have to move to a satellite office in order to get a SPE position.

Too many problems by dividing a system that is in good shape as it is.

The one suggestion that comes to mind will:
bring federal money to the other states;
allow applicants to file from their states; and
bring the USPTO all over the United States.

Satellite offices for the applicants not the examiners.
Open sites for the applicants to sit in front of a live video monitor and converse directly face to face with any examiner of any art unit.
Have a special scanner to view any presentation or documents brought in, have an assistant available to help the applicant with procedures.

The best part is that offices are already available in every public library across the nation. The infrastructure is built and ready. The USPTO can extend funds to public libraries across the nation for the lease and personnel trained to assist the applicants with issues, bring customer service in front of the applicant and bring the Patent Office everywhere not just a few satellite offices with big leasing contracts and a lot of cost to the Office.

Using the Public Library system will give help to the Libraries that need it, and only a few people need be trained and some equipment in a couple of office rooms.

Satellite offices in 50 states is what I am suggesting. Giving no preferential treatment to any specific state.

We already have special conferencing rooms ourselves in the first floor offices across from the conference rooms in 4 buildings, that are never used properly, also this video conference room can connect to examiners hoteling or teleworking from home.

Lets not turn the Satellite program into a political tool favoring some states, and help the Public library system with funds that they desperately need.

Thank you for your time.

Yours truly,

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