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Dear Under Secretary Kappos:

Hewlett-Packard Company appreciates the opportunity to comment in response to the Request for Comments on Additional USPTO Satellite Offices for the Nationwide Workforce Program published in the Federal Register on November 29, 2011.

As one of the world's most innovative companies headquartered in the United States, with a patent portfolio of over 50,000 granted patents and pending patent applications worldwide, Hewlett-Packard Company supports the provision of the America Invents Act establishing satellite offices. HP believes it is important that the satellite office locations provide geographic diversity throughout the United States. With one office in the Eastern Time Zone (Alexandria) and a second future office also in the Eastern Time Zone (Detroit), HP recommends that one of the remaining satellite offices be located in the Central or Mountain Time Zone and the other be located in the Pacific Time Zone. While HP would prefer that these remaining satellite offices be located in major metropolitan areas convenient to HP's major R&D facilities (Houston, Dallas, Denver, San Diego, San Francisco Bay Area, Portland), it is important to HP that the USPTO place satellite offices in locations that best meet the USPTO's needs for attracting and retaining a high quality workforce that works together to improve the overall quality of the US patent system.

Sincerely,

Curtis G. Rose