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Thank you for your notice seeking input for the location of future US patent office satellite offices. I suggest that you consider Phoenix. There is a large pool of engineering talent in electronics and in particular semiconductor fabrication here that is seeking employment. Those engineers could be an excellent resource for examiner recruitment. For example Freescale Semiconductor just closed one of their plants here. The former Motorola Linear Circuits Division (now ON Semiconductor) closed down almost all of their Phoenix plant operations. Intel is here with a strong ongoing presence, and there are numerous other smaller semiconductor design and manufacturing operations, as well. Other areas of technology are also well represented here.

I think you would be more likely to attract, and retain examiners from our pool of engineering talent than in California. This area has a better cost of living than the large metro areas in California, and people tend to stay here once they relocate here. I have bounced all over the country as a patent attorney and before that as an engineer over more than 20 years, but have moved to Arizona four different times because I like it here. I believe your examiners might feel the same way.

We are close enough to the large metro areas to be easily accessible by patent attorneys and agents. There are more patent attorneys in California, but Phoenix is located close to the large California metro areas of LA and San Diego which is a very easy and affordable trip. I have also been able to easily travel to Si Valley easily for business. Also, recent changes to the rules governing admission to the Arizona bar have made it easier for out of state attorneys to be admitted in Arizona should they desire to relocate, or practice here.

We have a state law school here (Arizona State University) too that the examiners might find attractive if they wish to go on to become patent attorneys, and the tuition is still not too bad (I think) compared to other schools. I received a good education there, and I believe the school is well ranked. The colleges of engineering and science are also quite good.

Yours truly,

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