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To Whom It May Concern,

We propose an USPTO satellite office should be established in the San Francisco Bay Area of Northern California.

California should be considered for a location of a satellite office for USPTO due to countless reasons. A few of them include:

1. High volume of patent applications. In 2010, ~25% (30080 out of 121179) of patent applications were from California, higher than any other state. ([http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/ac/ido/oeip/taf/cst\\_allh.htm](http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/ac/ido/oeip/taf/cst_allh.htm))
2. Proximity to top universities (UC system, Cal state universities, Stanford) to recruit patent examiners
3. Better connect patent filing community to USPTO by having an office in the PST timezone to provide extended hours to conduct business.

Specifically, the San Francisco Bay area is a choice area due to the following reasons:

1. A study conducted by bizjournals rated San Jose, which is center of the Silicon Valley in the San Francisco Bay Area, as "nation's top tech center" ([http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/30687148/ns/business-local\\_business/t/san-jose-leads-america-top-tech-center/#.Tyea\\_JjR3ww](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/30687148/ns/business-local_business/t/san-jose-leads-america-top-tech-center/#.Tyea_JjR3ww)). According to the study:
  1. a San Jose has 182.5 high tech jobs for every 1000 private sector jobs, 3 times higher than national average
  1. b San Jose has 117.1 high tech companies for every 1000 private sector companies, 329% above national average.
2. The Bay Area has a great public transportation system: BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit).
3. The Bay Area is also in close proximity to Livermore Lawrence National Laboratory, where the sharing of facilities can be facilitated.

Real estate prices may be lower in surrounding suburban cities in the Bay area, so a place like Fremont, CA would be an ideal location for the satellite office.

Sincerely,

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