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To whom it may concern,
Though you will likely receive many requests to locate the next USPTO office in Silicon Valley, I would suggest that there are better areas that would better serve the goals of the USPTO in improving patent quality and reducing costs.

All patent attorneys and agents have access to the internet, and few of them exercise the ability to meet examiners in person. My clients prefer to have less expensive phone conferences, which we have had great success in resolving issues in patent prosecution. Therefore, I believe that location is less important for personal meetings with patent applicants and their representatives. I believe that it is more important for the location to be in an area that is less expensive, and preferably one that has been hard hit by the economy. The result is less expensive costs of living, and a more enjoyable life for the employees. Any issues regarding communication with the USPTO and applicants and representatives may be resolved with more flexible working hours to adjust for the various time zones and modern phone and video systems.

Phoenix Arizona and the surrounding metropolitan area comes to mind first. Western Pennsylvania and New York are also great, with lots of educated people there, and very affordable.

Good luck, and wherever you end up, I wish you the best of success.

Best regards,
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