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USPTO,

I would like to recommend Denver as a site for future expansion. Listed below are some of my reasons:

- It is a destination city - the best and brightest from around the country/world are drawn to Denver for its climate, outdoor activities, and general lifestyle
- Real cost of living to paid cost of living ratio - the GS pay scale for the Denver area is high compared to the actual cost of living. The result is that Government salaries are very competitive with the private sector and the Government can attract the best and brightest employees
- Innovation - Boulder is a hotbed for innovation and Colorado's laws make it relatively easy for start-ups (compared to other states)
- Healthy workforce - Colorado is one of the fittest states. A fit workforce doesn't just cut down on sick leave/medical costs, physical activity stimulates the brain, resulting in a workforce that is better able to do their jobs
- Cheap real estate - At roughly half the cost of the Washington DC area, Denver is a cheap place for commercial real estate with many vacant lots to build upon
- Public Transportation - Denver has one of the best bus systems in the country and has excellent stop-free greenways to bike around. Also, their investment in an extensive light rail system demonstrates their desire to help wean its citizens off the automobile. PTO could both take advantage of this system and help contribute to it.

While there are many other reasons that Denver should be at the top of the list, these are a few quick ideas that help to make Denver an easy decision.

Thanks,

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