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Re: Comments from Alumnus of the Examining Corps and Coloradoan

Dear Mr. Khan:

I examined medical devices in Art Unit 3736 from August 2001 to July 2004. I have been in private practice as a patent attorney since my departure from the corps.

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) would benefit from a satellite office in Colorado. Entrepreneurship and the entrepreneurial spirit are common here. The USPTO may find a Colorado satellite office with employees having an ownership attitude and pride.

The USPTO has established a reputation of providing jobs with a balanced lifestyle. Nevertheless, the USPTO has had difficulty recruiting and retaining patent examiners from the West. Colorado is a great geographic location for the USPTO to attract talent in the West and cultivate experienced patent examiners. I think it is safe to say that a Colorado satellite office would draw from not only a large engineering talent pool but also from a large body of intellectual property professionals.

I hope to see the examining corps expand to Colorado.

Respectfully,



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