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Atlanta, Georgia would be an excellent location for a satellite PTO location. The Georgia Institute of Technology (aka Georgia Tech), which is located in midtown, is a top-tier school that produces many engineering graduates, which would be great for recruitment, and the city has a thriving tech sector, as many graduates of GaTech prefer to stay here after graduation. Atlanta has a very reasonable cost of living, so an examiner's salary would afford a very comfortable lifestyle. Atlanta's airport is a major hub, ranking as one of the world's busiest, and public transit to and from the airport is convenient. The city also has a great music scene and fantastic restaurants...we're very much on the national radar for our food nowadays.

I am admittedly self-interested, as I am a former Examiner who has been working as an attorney for almost 5 years because I did not enjoy living in DC. I only managed to stay there for two years. I would still be examining if I could do it from here, but paying a ridiculous sum for a studio apartment in DC was not something I was interested in doing long term, and I couldn't afford anything else in the parts of town I was interested in living in. Rent and housing prices are significantly cheaper in Atlanta.

For years I have been telling my friends whenever they ask me why the patent system is so messed up (they are techies, and they ask all the time.) that I think that satellite offices would go a long way towards improving examiner recruitment and retention, and therefore examiner quality and overall issued patent quality. DC is a ridiculously expensive city with no engineering school to recruit from and big money military contractors always trying to hire engineers for themselves. I think that patent quality will be significantly improved by decentralization of the office, and I am glad to see that is going to happen. I hope you choose my city, but I believe that opening satellite offices will be a major positive step wherever you choose.

Sincerely,

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