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To Whom It May Concern:

I request that the USPTO consider Atlanta, Georgia for one of the final 2 satellite office locations. I am a patent attorney working for an IP law firm in the Atlanta Metro area. Before I moved to Atlanta, I lived/practiced throughout the Mid-Atlantic and the Southeast, for example Jacksonville, Florida and Miami, Florida. With this context, I have found Atlanta to be a vibrant city with educated people and a close-knit IP community. Many of my fellow IP attorneys attended Georgia Tech for undergraduate education and one of the three top local law schools. I am able to participate in active IP associations, for example the Atlanta Bar Association IP Section, the State Bar of Georgia IP Section, the State Bar of Georgia Young Lawyers Division IP Section, the Atlanta IP Inn of Court and the Georgia State University Corporate IP Roundtable and Institute, which is a joint project between the GSU Law and Business Schools focused specifically on corporate IP strategies. With all of these legal activities, the outside counsel and corporate IP attorneys regularly mingle at parties, continuing education events, and weekend outings. In all, I do not regret my decision to move to, and subsequently remain in, Atlanta.

Regarding Atlanta as a city, it is very approachable and welcoming. Even though it is in a southern state, Atlanta is a major city that has attracted companies and people from all over the USA and the world. As a result, the social networks gained are a nice mix of locals and new residents. Another enticing part of Atlanta is the ability to have both a large city feel and a residential feel within minutes of each other. I have enjoyed living here and plan to stay. And, I think that if the USPTO decides to open an office in Atlanta, it will find Atlanta just as enjoyable as I do. Thank you.

Kind Regards,  
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