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Re: USPTO Seeking Comments on Future Locations for Satellite Offices

Pursuant to USPTO Press Release 11-69, the College of Western Idaho is submitting input that supports establishing a future USPTO Satellite Office in the Boise-Nampa (ID) MSA, hereafter referred to as "Boise." Some of the most salient reasons are as follows:

1. The Boise Area enjoys a significant amount of patent activity totaling 5586 patents from 2006 – 2010;
2. The Boise Area is noted for its ability to attract and retain professional talent. Some of the factors that contribute to this ability are:
 - a. Some of the best, most reasonable health care in the country;
 - b. A strong K - 12 education system;
 - c. The area still enjoys one of the most reasonable costs of living in the country;
 - d. Several colleges and universities are either domiciled here, or have major presences;
 - e. Livable communities that attract both families and singles;
 - f. Time and again those who have moved here have fallen in love with the area, its people, and the variety of personal activities it offers;
 - g. Recreational venues abound in the area and close by;
 - h. The College of Western Idaho, the area's only public, comprehensive community college, is another important contributor to the area's education through its general education, professional/technical, adult basic education, and business partnerships program; and,
 - i. Boise State University is located in Boise and it has a strong Engineering program. The University of Idaho's College of Engineering also has a strong presence in Boise and the surrounding area.
3. The Boise Area is served by the Boise Municipal Airport that provides good connections to most major metro area in the nation. It has as good or better service than some much larger areas in the country;

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4. Because the Boise Area is known for its entrepreneurs and business start-ups, support for the collaborative services of CommerceConnect's over 70 programs to assist entrepreneurs, would be well received.; and,
5. Its public transportation system is good and continues to grow as the demand increases.

Again, this input is intended to convey our sincere interest in helping the United States Patent and Trademark Office strongly consider the Boise-Nampa MSA as location for a future USPTO Satellite Office.

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