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Azam Khan, Deputy Chief of Staff  
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Re: Consideration of the Boise, Idaho for a new satellite USPTO

Dear Mr. Khan:

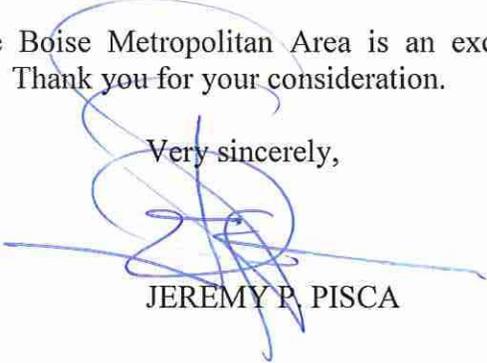
I am pleased to hear that the Boise area is being considered as a potential location for a satellite office of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Idaho was recently ranked the fourth fastest growing state, due largely in part to the expansion of the Boise area. The area's continued growth and focus on technological advancement makes it an excellent place for incoming businesses and organizations.

The greater Boise area has recently been ranked 19<sup>th</sup> among U.S. cities in the number of granted patents, with 5,586 patents from 2006-2010. This is noteworthy, as Boise and the surrounding area are much smaller in size and population than other high ranked cities. This is due, in part, to an increasingly innovative and educated population and labor force. Boise State University's undergraduate engineering program ranked as the 15<sup>th</sup> best public institution in the United States. This program helps provide a knowledgeable and eager workforce.

The City of Boise is not only situated in a beautiful part of our state, but it is also in an extremely convenient geographical location. Our area's central location in the northwest and our airport allows for easy access to the surrounding states and major cities throughout the United States. For this reason, and many others, the Boise area has become an epicenter of business, industry and activity in the northwest.

I believe that the Boise Metropolitan Area is an excellent candidate for the expansion of the USPTO. Thank you for your consideration.

Very sincerely,



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