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Dear Mr. Khan,

I would like to express **A²Research**'s support for The Gulf Coast Patent Association's comment proving the strong advantages of the United States Patent and Trademark Office locating a satellite office in a central location in the Gulf Coast region of Southeast Louisiana / Southwest Mississippi. **A²Research** knows that having a USPTO satellite office on the Mississippi Gulf Coast or in the greater New Orleans region will provide greatly improved access to the USPTO and create a bridge of communication of the Commerce bureaus throughout the southern states of the Austin and Atlanta Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration regions. The USPTO satellite office itself will provide a positive impact to the Mississippi Gulf Coast and the greater New Orleans regions which are still recovering from the effects of Hurricane Katrina and the BP oil spill.

A²Research is an Alcyon/Alutiiq joint venture that operates the laboratory services contract at John C. Stennis Space Center. Our company takes pride in exceeding our customers' expectations and going the extra mile to assist our employees and community to excel. Clearly, the location of a USPTO office within the Mississippi Gulf Coast or greater New Orleans region will help our organization accomplish its goals, allow for increased workflow, stimulate the development of higher quality technologies, and greatly enhance the commercialization of those technologies throughout our region.

A USPTO satellite office in any location within the Mississippi Gulf Coast or greater New Orleans regional area would provide easy access to our organization and any organization from Texas to Florida. When researching the Mississippi Gulf coast and greater New Orleans areas for locations consider Stennis Space Center. Stennis Space Center North offers over 900,000 square feet of space for lease in a variety of office and warehouse which would make the services of a USPTO satellite office centrally located within the region. With rapidly growing infrastructure, excellent tax incentives for businesses, and high quality of life indicators, the Mississippi Gulf Coast or greater New Orleans region is a logical choice for a USPTO satellite office.

A²Research looks forward to your review of all of the comments and urges the USPTO to support this comment.

Sincerely,

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