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I am a chemical engineer and patent attorney and I write to you today to encourage the USPTO to choose Albuquerque for your satellite office. I feel it's a given that one of your satellite offices will be in the southwest as this region is growing and is such an attractive place for business and innovation. But Albuquerque is a southwestern city that is uniquely suited for the USPTO.

Albuquerque and New Mexico have two national labs, Sandia and Los Alamos, a major Intel manufacturing site and a number of colleges with excellent engineering and technology programs. Therefore, we have an unusually high number of engineers and people with high tech backgrounds per capita. And we have a business-friendly environment.

I went to the University of New Mexico School of Law where Intellectual Property classes are taught. The number of classes could easily be increased to accommodate more students interested in patent and trademark law. Our law school is very attentive to, and connected with, the business community and has a history of tailoring its faculty and academic offerings to the needs of New Mexico employers. Additionally, I am on the Board of the Intellectual Property Section of the State Bar and we have a large and active membership. This group can help the USPTO get connected to the patent and trademark attorneys in New Mexico - nearly all of them are members of our Section.

Finally, the quality of life here is amazing. We have something like 360 days of sunshine here. Our airport, Albuquerque International Sunport, is a beautiful airport (it has one of the, if not the, most valuable collections of Native American art in the country). You can get to any major city easily - and fairly cheaply since Southwest Airlines is one of our primary airlines. Housing is affordable, people are friendly and there is cultural richness and diversity here that you won't find anywhere else in the US.

Please consider Albuquerque for your next satellite office, I promise you won't regret it.

Thank you,  
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