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Mr. Azam Khan, Deputy Chief of Staff
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Mr. Khan,

I am writing on behalf of the intellectual property law firm of Ortiz & Lopez, PLLC based in Albuquerque, New Mexico. We are sending comments in support of establishing a USPTO satellite office in Albuquerque. Our firm has 7 patent professionals, so we are familiar with the scientific and engineering resources that exist in Albuquerque, New Mexico to support a USPTO satellite office.

For example, Sandia National Laboratory is located in Albuquerque and employs over 8000 scientists and engineers engaged in large scale research and development. Los Alamos National Laboratories which is located about an hour's drive from Albuquerque also employs thousands of engineers and scientists. Finally, the U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory located on Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque employs several hundred engineers and scientists, both military and civilian.

So as you can see, there is a very large pool of engineering and scientific talent to support a USPTO satellite office.

Additionally, Sandia National Laboratory had the largest number of retirees exist the work force (around 2000) at the end of 2011. Many of these retirees would be interested in employment with a USPTO satellite office.

Some of the key attractions of locating in Albuquerque include the low cost of living, access to transportation including an international airport, and the quality of life.

We urge you to consider Albuquerque for location of a USPTO satellite office given these factors.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,

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