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Mr. Azam Khan, Deputy Chief of Staff  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Mail Stop Office of Under Secretary and Director  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Regional Patent Office

Dear Mr. Khan:

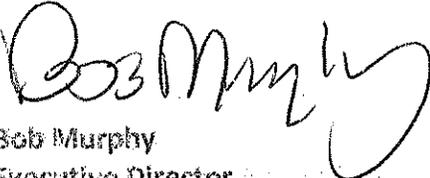
The Albuquerque Economic Forum represents the top CEOs and community leaders of Central New Mexico including representatives from Sandia National Laboratories, Intel, Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Schott Solar and many other high tech companies located in our area.

Our region is fortunate to have an abundance of highly educated professionals working in the science and technology fields. Our proximity to Sandia Labs as well as the University of New Mexico and the Air Force Research facilities lend to Metropolitan Albuquerque being an ideal location for a Regional Office.

The region can provide a labor pool of technically knowledgeable people, an exceptional quality of life valuable for retention and future recruiting of qualified administrative personnel as well as examiners. Further, the Patent Office would be an important driver of our local economy.

We strongly urge you to consider Albuquerque for your next Regional Patent Office and stand ready to support your efforts in this decision making process.

Sincerely,



Bob Murphy  
Executive Director  
Economic Forum