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Dear Mr. Khan:

We would like to provide you with reasons why we believe the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) should select the Albuquerque metro area for a new regional satellite patent and trademark office. Peacock Myers, P.C., a patent boutique law firm in Albuquerque, has an understanding of the difficulties faced by clients and other stakeholders of the USPTO.

We believe that the USPTO and the State of New Mexico would both greatly benefit from the selection of Albuquerque as a location for a satellite office. Creation of a satellite office in Albuquerque would help the USPTO's efforts to recruit and retain a highly skilled workforce, reduce patent application pendency and improve quality while enhancing communication between the USPTO and the patent applicant community.

Albuquerque, New Mexico, as an integral part of our nation's innovative technology resource, is an ideal location for a satellite office. The USPTO will find that Albuquerque would best serve the interests of its employees, the USPTO's user community, and America's patent and trademark system, while ensuring geographic diversity among the USPTO's offices.

Albuquerque, and New Mexico, has a highly technical skilled workforce. New Mexico has on a per capita basis one of the most highly trained group of scientists and engineers in all technical disciplines. The per capita number of Ph.D. level scientists and engineers in New Mexico is the highest in the United States. The Sandia National Laboratories and the Air Force Research Laboratories call Albuquerque home. Intel has a major facility in nearby Rio Rancho,

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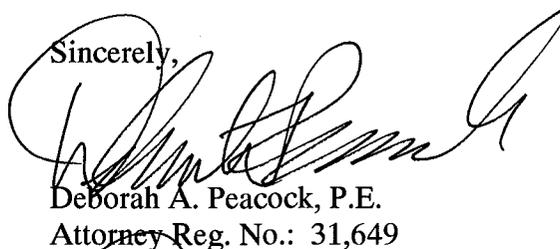
New Mexico. The University of New Mexico main campus is located in Albuquerque. Nearby in New Mexico we also have Los Alamos National Laboratory, the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, New Mexico State University, and the White Sands Missile Test Range. Additionally, New Mexico is a hub of business, culture, and the arts.

The USPTO roll of registered attorneys and agents shows that 74 of them call Albuquerque home and that 113 of them call New Mexico their home. In 2011, New Mexico inventors were awarded 557 United States Patents. New Mexico inventors were awarded a total of 10,793 United States Patents up to January 17, 2012. In 2011 Albuquerque inventors were awarded 285 United States Patents. Albuquerque inventors were awarded a total of 5,556 United States Patents up to January 17, 2012.

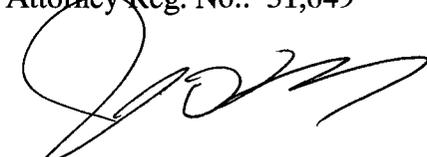
New Mexico has great weather, a low cost of living, and a lack of traffic congestion that makes the Land of Enchantment a highly favored place to live and work. The Satellite Patent Office could easily be placed within a few minutes' drive from the Albuquerque Sunport International Airport for easy access to accommodate inventors, registered patent attorneys and patent agents that frequent the office for interviews with examiners. If selected, Albuquerque has the registered patent professionals to help the USPTO get an office opened and working very fast and effectively.

Thank you for your consideration. We hope that the USPTO will select Albuquerque, New Mexico as a site for a Satellite Office. Please feel free to contact either of the undersigned at (505) 998-1500.

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