



January 30, 2012

The Honorable David Kappos  
Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and  
Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Dear Under Secretary Kappos:

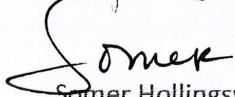
The Nevada Development Authority (NDA) is pleased to offer its support for establishing a U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in Las Vegas, Nevada. The mission of NDA is to attract companies to Southern Nevada that diversify, expand and nurture the business environment which will enhance the overall socioeconomic development of our community. NDA is committed to creating new, diversified, higher-skilled, better-paying job opportunities for the residents of Clark County.

Our community and state have many aspects that would benefit this federal office, including the presence of a global reaching airport, McCarran International Airport, with extensive air connections throughout the western United States and beyond. McCarran International Airport will soon be completing a \$2.4 billion expansion project that will make it a state-of-the-art transportation facility.

Las Vegas offers numerous quality of life benefits as well to include the availability of affordable housing at all market levels, a low cost of living and rich and diverse cultural, recreational and entertaining opportunities that support employee retention. These qualities, among many others, make Las Vegas the perfect choice for a new office.

Las Vegas is an excellent location for an expanded U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the Nevada Development Authority supports this critical infrastructure improvement to our region.

Warmest regards,

  
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President & CEO

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