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Just my two cents on this topic...

Las Vegas, Nevada strikes me as being one of the better locations for a future USPTO Satellite Office location for the following reasons:

- 1) Centrally located between western states (California, Arizona, Washington, Utah, etc.). An easy drive from LA and a one day drive from Silicon Valley.
- 2) Low cost of living. Lots of surplus housing available for examiners. According to Kiplinger's magazine, at the beginning of this year (2011) the average house price was \$153K, which is actually down -4.7% from 2010.
- 3) Government land in the area. Nellis Air Force Base is located just next to North Las Vegas. If budget cuts come and the armed forces downsize, there is a good chance they may be amenable or incentivized to dual-use some space on base with the Commerce Dept. at a low cost (if not free). If not, there seems to be lots of land available for building a satellite office within driving distance of town.
- 4) Excellent transportation available to get to and from Las Vegas, NV from both coasts (by air, rail, and road).
- 5) No chance of a shutdown due to snow (no Snowmageddon).
- 6) Practitioners would be much more amenable to coming in for in-person interviews due to the great hotels and entertainment nearby.
- 7) The local economy needs it.

As far as I know, there is at least one examiner already hoteling from Las Vegas (although there could be more?); hence, high speed Internet is readily available.
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