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**Re: Comments on Additional USPTO Satellite Offices for the
Nationwide Workforce Program (Docket No. PTO-C-2011-0066)**

Dear Mr. Kahn:

We write in support of bringing a USPTO satellite office to Albany or the surrounding area.

The University at Albany is proud to be one of the six high intensity research centers in the State University of New York's 64-campus university system. The scientific research programs at UAlbany are extensive and expanding. By means of example, most recently UAlbany's RNA Institute has been awarded \$2M by the Governor's Regional Economic Development Council to promote biotech translational research, and UAlbany's Cancer Research Center at its East Campus will receive \$1M toward the development of a biotech corridor. These leading edge programs, together with others in our research portfolio, bring world class expertise to the life sciences community in Albany, NY. Albany is a cost effective location for a UPSTO satellite, with easy access to major metropolitan areas of Boston and New York City. Many of our scientists travel to Washington DC regularly to serve on National Review Panels, taking either air or train travel.

I applaud the efforts of the USPTO to strive for high quality patent output and faster processing of applications through the introduction of new satellite offices. Looking at the broad ranging benefits of our region, I am confident the Capital Region of New York is well positioned to open and operate a productive office that will recruit and retain the necessary scientific and technical talent. Thank you for your consideration of our area for the next USPTO satellite office site.

Sincerely,



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