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Mr. Azam Kahn, Deputy Chief of Staff,
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Dear Mr Kahn,

I am writing about the possible locations of the USPTO Satellite Offices for the Nationwide Workforce Program (Docket No. PTO-C-2011-0066), and am pleased to propose that one location for such an office be in what we call "Tech Valley", an area centered around the tri-cities of Albany, Troy and Schenectady, New York

Having spent my working life here, getting 12 patents decades ago, eventually being in charge of the GE Research Lab, and more recently being on the board of directors of ten local start-ups, I can attest to the pride that this area has in the people and process of getting patents. A few years ago, I calculated that Tech Valley got more patents per million population than any area of the country, helped largely by GE and IBM. But in addition, the colleges and small business in the area also contribute immensely. And we now have the Nano-Institute of SUNY University becoming a major contributor to our patents and professional man-power. SEMI-TECH has moved its national headquarters here, from Austin, as further evidence of where they thought the most breakthroughs in semiconductors were going to originate. I know no area of the country where the value of patents is better appreciated than right here.

Your consideration of this area will put the Office in the center of a circle including Boston, New York City, and Rochester, making it accessible in a few hours driving to a sizeable fraction of the patents generated each year in the USA. If documentation on these patent density numbers would be helpful, I would be pleased to collect the data to confirm my estimates.

yours,
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Pres. Vantage
Management

Sincerely

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