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Dear Sirs:

It is my position that the USPTO should consider establishing satellite offices around the US in already existing government facilities having vacancies. And while I believe that it would make sense to have numerous smaller offices scattered around the US to take advantage of the economy of scale already existing in vacant federal buildings, there are several government facilities particularly well suited to house a USPTO satellite office.

For example, NASA has 11 Centers around the US for which continued funding by the Congress is always an issue. These centers are already established, often have significant space for added civil servants, and are proven to attract and retain highly skilled technical personnel. And while some NASA Centers may not be a good fit, example NASA HQ is in DC and Goddard is in Maryland, many other Centers have significant qualities that are currently existing and proven.

Example: Glenn Research Center

- GRC has several existing office buildings that are available (including a recently excised complex across from the base) that could house a significant number of employees
- Cleveland has significant university presence with strong engineering programs (Case Western, Cleveland State, Bowling Green, etc) as well as significant nationally recognized medical facilities such as the Cleveland Clinic and University Hospitals (also further home of new Medical Mart)
- GRC is centrally located in the Midwest with central access to Indianapolis, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Cincinnati, Columbus, and Wheeling. This region has many of the strongest universities, engineering facilities, and research facilities in the US
- Cleveland and the surrounding areas provide a low-cost, high standard of living to attract and maintain a strong technical workforce (already in existence)
- Partnering the USPTO with the existing facilities of NASA and NASA's well established reputation for science and technology will only enhance the USPTO's reputation and attract more qualified applicants to the USPTO

Other NASA Centers are likewise positioned to be a valuable fit with the USPTO.

Regards,

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