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Re: Future Locations for USPTO Satellite Offices
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Dear Deputy Chief of Staff:

As members of the intellectual property community in Oregon, we are writing to request the United States Patent & Trademark Office to consider locating one of the new satellite offices in Portland, Oregon. We submit that Portland is an ideal location for an office to assist in addressing the challenges of the USPTO and meeting the needs of the customers of the Office.

To address the need to attract and retain a talented workforce, Portland offers an environment with reasonable home prices in fine neighborhoods that are within the reach of employees; easy access to outdoor recreation of all kinds, with both the waters of the Pacific Ocean and the mountains of the Cascades being within a short drive; excellent public transportation throughout the city of Portland and the surrounding metropolitan area; and a vibrant city lifestyle that will appeal to a diverse and devoted workforce.

In addition, the location of Portland allows for air flights to all West Coast and Western locations, thereby providing good access to the intellectual property community in the west. In particular, the Silicon Valley region is reachable by a short flight, and the local Silicon Forest region is located in the western suburbs of the city. The area has an educated and engaged community, and is home to numerous colleges and universities, including the science and engineering programs of the nearby University of Oregon and Oregon State University campuses.

We believe that the location of a satellite office in the Portland region will provide significant benefits to the USPTO, the employees of the Office, and the customers of the Office, particularly those in the West Coast region. We hope can welcome you as our neighbors in the future.

Respectfully,
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