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I believe the USPTO should consider placing a satellite office in the Delaware Valley region. The region encompasses Southeastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey and Northern Delaware and includes the cities of Philadelphia and Wilmington - two areas of significant patent expertise and practice. The region is home to numerous technology companies, research institutions and universities engaged in the biomedical, pharmaceutical, chemical, agricultural, software, communications, computer hardware and aerospace fields. Many of the country's largest corporations are chartered in Delaware. Located in Wilmington, the US District Court for the district of Delaware is well known for the numerous patent cases it decides each year. The Delaware Valley is well served by multiple connected transit systems including the Philadelphia Airport, interstate commuter rail systems connecting New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware, and the busy Amtrak Northeast Corridor. Interstate commuting is common in the "Tri-state" area. This region also abounds with multiple venues for cultural, sports, recreational and entertainment events, has varied shopping and a range of housing choices combined with a low cost of living. Placing a satellite office in this area would allow the USPTO to recruit and retain world class talent across all technology areas and operate at a lower cost than the present Alexandria complex. It would also place USPTO resources closer to a major market for the agency's services, providing better customer service (for example in ease of arranging interviews). To the extent that there need be any occasional in-person meetings between personnel belonging to the two centers, this could be done easily and cost effectively. A satellite office in the Delaware Valley would also be able to efficiently serve the Northern New Jersey/New York City area based on its proximity, while not incurring the costs of an office in that location. In considering diversity, the PTO should give significant weight to the size of the market served, the size, skill level and technical diversity of the available workforce, the ability to serve an extended area cost effectively, and the costs borne by both the agency and potential employees, and not just to geographical measures of distance.