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Providence, RI – USPTO Satellite Office for the  
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Dear Mr. Khan:

I am writing to strongly urge the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to select Providence, Rhode Island as the headquarters of a NorthEast Corridor Regional Patent Office covering seven states including RI, CT, NY, NH, VT, ME, and MA for the following reasons.

First, in 2010, the Northeast Corridor including Providence, RI combined had 15,734 granted patents which represents almost 15% of all patent grants of U.S. Origin.

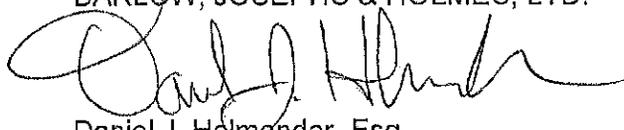
Second, Providence, Rhode Island is located less than a three hour drive from all key commercial areas located in the NorthEast Corridor.

Third, Providence, RI has access to all major forms of transportation including Amtrak, TF Green Airport, and Interstate I-95 which not only connects Providence to the NorthEast Corridor but also to Alexandria, VA -headquarters of the USPTO.

Fourth, Rhode Island is 2nd in the US for Internet speed which is critical in supporting a nationwide workforce program.

Fifth, the NorthEast Corridor including Providence, RI is home to an occupational cluster of patent attorneys and agents.

Sincerely,  
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