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To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to write in regarding the consideration of locations for satellite offices for the USPTO. I would like to recommend Austin, Texas as a fantastic place to live given quality of life, geography, and talent pool considerations.

First, given the low cost of living and taxes, quality of life is great here and has been driving businesses to relocate here in droves. Many publications have Austin in its top places to live list. There are many activities here as noted in "things to do lists" such as http://www*austintexashomes*com/fun_in_austin.htm and http://studentorgs*utexas*edu/ai che/ai cheregional s/ThingsInAustin.pdf

Given the number of ranked engineering programs in the state (e.g. UT Austin, Texas A&M, Rice, University of Houston), there is a fresh talent pool every year not to mention the number of engineers already in the state. Being in a tech hub like Austin would be good for the organization to keep up with trends in technology.

Finally, the geography is great being near three of the largest cities in the country (Houston, Dallas/Fort Worth, San Antonio) as there are many firms and Fortune 500 companies in those areas. And that number increases every day. A good midpoint for the country, three hours flight time to each coast, people enjoy living in Austin and not many people move away from my experience.

Regards,
Nick Batra