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*Via email: [satelliteoffices@uspto.gov](mailto:satelliteoffices@uspto.gov)*

Re: "Request for Comments on Additional USPTO Satellite Offices  
for the Nationwide Workforce Program" Notice to Public  
*Federal Register*, Vol. 76, No. 229 (Tuesday, November 29, 2011)

Dear Mr. Khan:

I wanted to write in support of Dallas as a location for one of the USPTO satellite offices to be established under Section 23 of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act.

I understand that the Dallas Bar Intellectual Property Law Section, together with other local entities, has submitted a letter with comments and data in support of Dallas. We would like to endorse that letter, and join in letting you know what a great place Dallas is for technology professionals.

We also wanted to emphasize a point that may not be evident in the PTO's statistics. Namely, there are several companies in the DFW area that manage the majority of their patent prosecution work from the DFW area even though the inventors listed on those patents may not be from this area. Ericsson is one of those companies. During the last five years Ericsson filed over 2,600 patent applications and had over 3,000 patents issued. The prosecution work for those applications and patents was managed primarily from the DFW area, where the vast majority of Ericsson's in-house patent attorneys are located. Having a satellite patent office in Dallas would greatly assist companies like Ericsson that manage their prosecution from the DFW area.

We highly recommend Dallas, and hope to have the opportunity to show the PTO some Texas hospitality.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Roger Burleigh".

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