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I support the establishment of a satellite USPTO office in Dallas, TX for at least the following reasons:

- 1) The 2nd largest number of patent grants in the U.S (per USPTO statistics from 2006-2010) originates from the regional cluster comprised of the Dallas-Ft. Worth-Arlington, TX; Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX; and Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos, TX MSA/metropolitan areas. For reference, the first ranked is the regional cluster comprised of San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA; San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA; and Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA.
- 2) The Dallas area was, and is, the seat of what is termed as the "telecom corridor" in the U.S and has one of the richest resource pools of skilled manpower in the computer and communications industry. Further, it is home to several universities and colleges, such as University of Texas-Dallas, University of Texas-Arlington, Southern Methodist University, University of Dallas, University of Texas Southwestern, and more.
- 3) The Dallas area is one of the most centrally located cities in the U.S, and has one of the best air connections in the country. It is home to the 1st/2nd largest airport (DFW international airport) in the U.S.
- 4) The Dallas area has one of the lowest costs of living indices in the country.
- 5) Dallas Ft. Worth is home to some of the largest corporations and prolific inventors in the U.S- individual inventors, Exxon, AT&T, Texas Instruments, Samsung, Nokia, Cisco, Ericsson, IBM, Raytheon, Lockheed Martin, Bell Helicopter Textron, American Airlines/AMR, Fluor Corp, Kimberley-Clark, Alcon, Frito Lay and more.....
- 6) The regional cluster comprised of the Dallas-Ft. Worth-Arlington, TX; Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX; and Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos, TX MSA/metropolitan areas is home to prolific inventors and the largest corporations in the Energy, technology and Healthcare/biotechnology industries.

For at least the reasons noted above, a satellite USPTO office in Dallas will enable the USPTO to increase its outreach activities to better connect with patent filers and innovators, enhance patent examiner retention, and improve the recruitment of patent examiners.

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