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Via email: 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, jointly with the Dallas Chamber of Commerce and other entities within the Greater Dallas area, have submitted a letter with comments and data in support of Dallas. I would like to endorse that letter, and join in letting you know what a great place Dallas is for technology professionals.

I also wanted to point out that the Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) area serves as the United States headquarters for Research In Motion (RIM), a global leader in wireless innovation and the designer and the manufacturer of the BlackBerry® PlayBook™ and the award-winning BlackBerry® smartphone. All worldwide patent litigation for RIM is managed out of our Dallas-Fort Worth office. RIM has approximately 40 professionals in this office engaged in managing and supporting our extensive patent portfolio. Over the last 3 years, RIM has increased its originally granted patent portfolio by over 2.5 times. Today, our DFW-based patent attorneys manage over 900 patents and patent applications. Having a USPTO satellite office in the Dallas area would greatly assist companies like RIM in managing and prosecuting their patent portfolio.

On behalf of Research In Motion, I highly recommend Dallas and hope to have the opportunity to show the PTO some Texas hospitality.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom Sanchez', is written over a large, light blue circular watermark that contains the RIM logo.

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