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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:

MetroPCS Communications, Inc. ("MetroPCS") supports the establishment of the USPTO satellite office to be established under Section 23 of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act in the Dallas/Ft. Worth ("DFW") area.

It is my understanding that a number of other organizations, including the Dallas Bar Intellectual Property Law Section, the Center for American & International Law, the Dallas Regional Chamber, the SMU Lyle School of Engineering, the IP faculty at SMU Dedman Law School, the College of Engineering at the University of Texas at Arlington, as well as the Vice President of Research, Dean of Engineering and Director of the Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at UTD, have submitted a letter with comments and data in support of Dallas as a location for one of the USPTO satellite offices. We would like to endorse that letter, and join in letting you know what a great place Dallas is for technology professionals.

MetroPCS, the fifth largest facilities based wireless broadband mobile services provider in the Nation based on number of subscribers served and an S&P 500 company, has since its inception, been located in the greater metropolitan Dallas area. Currently, MetroPCS' corporate headquarters are located in Richardson, immediately north of Dallas, with its National Operations Center in Plano, just north of Richardson, and networks and sales distribution throughout the DFW area. In these facilities, MetroPCS employees develop new ideas and technology related to wireless communications which have resulted in a number of patent applications. Dallas, and the DFW area in general, provides a phenomenal place for workers, especially those workers in technical fields, to live, work and play. The DFW area provides two major airports for ease of transportation throughout the United States, as well as abroad. The cost of living in the DFW area is affordable, making it an attractive area to move *to* from other areas of the country. Additionally, the DFW area is home to many significant technology companies, and has a large concentration of telecommunications companies having substantial operations or headquarters in the area, including MetroPCS, Alcatel-Lucent, Ericsson, AT&T and Research in Motion.

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MetroPCS, for its part, has over the course of its 10 year history become a technology leader in the mobile broadband wireless telecommunications space. For example, MetroPCS launched the first Long Term Evolution ("LTE") network in the Americas in 2010, and, with its handset manufacturer partners, released the world's first dual-mode CDMA/LTE handset and the world's first dual-mode CDMA/LTE Android OS handset in 2010 and early 2011, respectively. Corresponding with MetroPCS' technological leadership, MetroPCS has substantially increased its patent filings in the last three years. MetroPCS currently utilizes the services of DFW area patent counsel, exclusively, and has begun to utilize the USPTO's accelerated examination procedures extensively.

MetroPCS highly recommends Dallas and the greater DFW area, and hope to have the opportunity to show the PTO some Texas hospitality.

Sincerely yours,



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