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From: Tom Satagaj [e-mail address redacted]
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To: SatelliteOffices
Subject: Seattle satellite patent office

Dear USPTO Satellite Offices Selection Committee,

Have you considered Seattle as an ideal location for a satellite patent office?

Seattle is easily accessible from all of the western states (including Alaska and Hawaii) as well as the British Columbia high tech sector, and our access to high-tech, aerospace, mechanical engineering, bio-tech, medicine, and top technical university talent is second to none. Our cost of living is extremely favorable relative to other comparable metropolitan areas, and the quality of life is enviable. We are a leader in transportation and we have world class physical and telecommunication infrastructure. With respect to the selection criteria set out by your committee, a better location for a USPTO satellite office does not exist.

Please consider my brief comments in support of Seattle. Although I am merely a member of the Washington State Patent Law Association (<http://www.wspla.org/>) and not part of the association's leadership, I can speak with unwavering favor of our very strong and active association, and the support for a new office from Washington State patent lawyers would be tremendous. The stated agency goals of improved speed and quality of patent application examination would be well-served by a location in our fine city.

At this time, I ask on behalf of the entire city of Seattle that the USPTO please consider Seattle as a location for the next USPTO satellite office.

I am available for further comments at your convenience.

Best regards,

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