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Subject: Letter Encouraging Boise Idaho as a USPTO Satellite Office

Letter of Support:

Please consider Boise as a possible location for a USPTO satellite office. Boise is a particularly attractive location due to its unique combination of a high level of innovation activity and a skilled technical workforce, coupled with a high quality of life and a reasonable cost of living.

Boise, Idaho would be an ideal location for a USPTO satellite office for the following reasons:

- •Boise's proven ability to recruit and retain science and technology professionals
- •Boise's central location in the northwest region relative to other cities of high innovation activity, such as San Jose, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Denver, Boulder, and Salt Lake City
- •Boise's high level of innovation activity, measured by patent filings and grants (http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/ac/ido/oeip/taf/cls_cbsa/allcbsa_gd.htm)
- •Boise's high quality of life, measured by cost of living factors and high employee retention rates

Idaho has a strong culture of innovation and entrepreneurialism. Constructing a USPTO satellite office in Idaho would energize a vibrant community of talented innovators.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best.

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