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Subject: US Patent and Trademark Office Expansion

I understand that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is looking to open two new satellite offices. Please accept this email as my formal notice of support for that expansion to occur in Boise, Idaho or the surrounding Boise MSA. Boise is the home to a nice blend of Fortune 500 Companies, regional technology companies, small start-ups, and two universities with engineering schools (University of Idaho and Boise State University). The combination of these elements has positioned the Boise area as top amongst its peers in patent filings (http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/ac/ido/oeip/taf/cls_cbsa/allcbsa_gd.htm). The region is a transportation hub via its regional airport with easy connections and direct flights to Salt Lake City, Portland, Seattle, Denver, and San Francisco. Likewise the I-84 connects Portland to Salt Lake with Boise sitting in the middle. Paramount, as a business leader in the community, I have seen a strong collaborative effort over the last 5 years amongst the various municipalities, government agencies, and private sector organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce. In fact, I had a front seat opportunity as I helped in a successful effort by private firms in the community along with local municipalities rally to fund a new economic development effort for the community.

I ask that you give the Boise area serious consideration and I am very confident that you will not regret it. If I can answer any questions for you, please call me at the number indicated below.

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Mark Tidd Now serving Eastern Idaho. Click here to meet the team.

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