The Central Kentucky Metropolitan Region Response to Request for Comments

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Dear Mr. Khan:

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, I am pleased to submit comments for the Central Kentucky Metropolitan region for consideration of the Additional United States Patent and Trademark Satellite Offices for the Nationwide Workforce Program. The Central Kentucky Metropolitan region, which includes the metropolitan areas of Lexington, Louisville, and Northern Kentucky, is the cultural, financial, and commercial core of the state. This region offers a diverse economy, flourishing in professional and business services, education, technology, and healthcare.

The Central Kentucky Metropolitan region delivers extremely competitive value in the areas of:

- Available workforce in technical and legal areas
- Occupational retention
- Significant patent activity
- Low cost of employment
- Low cost of air and surface commuting
- Broad governmental and nongovernmental support for the development of the office
- · Numerous federal buildings with space available

We would like to offer special recognition to Mr. Curtis Droege, IP Manager and Patent Agent with Lexmark International, for making our region aware of this potential opportunity. Several entities in the region have endorsed and collaborated on these efforts, which are listed on the next page. As you review the submitted comments, you will learn this urban metro is an ideal location for the USPTO's satellite office. We look forward to building a relationship with the United States Patent and Trademark Office and hope the region is considered for the new satellite office.

Sincerely,

Steven L. Beshear



Meet the Team

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The Central Kentucky Metropolitan Region, including the metropolitan areas of Lexington, Louisville, and Northern Kentucky, is an ideal location for the establishment of a United States Patent and Trademark satellite office and we greatly appreciate your consideration of these comments. From the region's impressive innovation activity to the highly skilled workforce, our



region is positioned to improve the quality of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) application process and enhance communication with applicants. Furthermore, our affordable cost of living and desirable quality of life make this region the ultimate location for employees and their families.

Our immediate region and the adjacent states, including Ohio, Illinois, and Indiana, are particularly active in the patent application process. By locating an office in the Central Kentucky region, the USPTO



will have access to states that submitted nearly 84,000 applications in the past ten years. Additionally, the office would benefit from the region's 150 registered patent attorneys and agents.¹

The Central Kentucky region is readily accessible by car or air, having three major airports and several interstate highways, including the N/S and E/W intersection of I-75

and I-64. These provide safe and convenient travel options for patent applicants interested in meeting on-on-one with an examiner during the patent prosecution process.

Central Kentucky has deep roots with innovative companies in the region, including Alltech, GE Appliances and Lighting, IBM, Lexmark, Procter and Gamble (Cincinnati), Toyota Motor Manufacturing USA, Valvoline, Tempur-Pedic, and others. Additionally, two research universities in the region have spawned many start-up companies through the years, primarily in the biotech industry. In support of these companies and other start-ups, Central Kentucky supports innovation with its Innovation and Commercialization Center Programs. These centers operate to increase the quality of investments flowing to knowledge-based firms throughout the region.

This proposal provides testimony that the Central Kentucky Metro's productive workforce, central location, and pro-business environment provide a profitable location in which to conduct business.

¹ www.uspto.gov

Regional Innovation Activity

The Central Kentucky region is a credible patent producer with portfolio strengths in printing technology, medical and veterinary technology, transportation, and building and industrial supply (Table 1). The top patent producers in the region include Lexmark, Toyota, the University of Kentucky, the University of Louisville, Sud Chemie, and Ashland Chemical.

Table 1. Patents and Published Applications from January 2000 – December 2011²

State	Number of Patents and Published Applications
Kentucky	6,458
Tennessee	6,323
Ohio	23,860
Indiana	21,526
Illinois	24,470
West Virginia	453
KY and surrounding states (excluding Virginia)	83,090

Includes:

- Issued Utility Patents
- Issued Design Patents
- Published but not Issued Applications
- No redundancy (if patent issued, published application is no longer counted)

Quality of Life

The Central Kentucky Metropolitan region is the financial, educational, retail, health care, service, and cultural center of Kentucky. From the excitement of cheering your favorite horse down the stretch to unsurpassed collegiate athletics to working with companies from around the globe, the Central Kentucky region offers all the amenities of a major metropolitan area with the immediate escape of pastoral countryside.

Local residents and businesses alike know how great Central Kentucky is for living, working, and raising a family. Our secret is out, however, and the accolades continue to pour in from a broad spectrum of sources. In fact, the region has been rated highly from quality of life to business and careers and everything in between from renowned sources such as Forbes, CNNMoney, Business Facilities, and Kiplinger.

Boasting a robust economy, the Central Kentucky Metropolitan region is a diversified growth engine for health and educational services, government, retail trade, manufacturing, and construction. Many companies call this region home including Tiffany and Co., Lexmark, Brown Forman, Ford, Fidelity, UPS Airlines, IBM, and Hewlett-Packard.

² www.uspto.gov

This part of Kentucky has a wide variety of cultural amenities including unique restaurants, art galleries, performing arts, world class horse racing, and other exciting sporting events. The metro region also provides excellent health care with an expansive network of medical centers.

As can be seen in the two tables below, the cost of living and high salaries of patent-related jobs make the area highly attractive for patent professionals and their employees. The cost of living in the region averages 10% less than the national cost of living average, as shown in the table immediately below (Table 2). Patent examiners working in Kentucky could live comfortably for much less, helping with the recruitment and retainment of highly trained professionals at a lower labor cost (Table 3).

Table 2. Comparative Analysis on Cost of Living³

City	Overall	Grocery	Housing	Utilities	Trans.	Health Care	Misc.
Lexington, KY	91.7	90.5	83.5 t	89.3	92:2	. 102.3	- 98.6
Louisville, KY	92.4	90.4	82.8	106.8	100.1	88.5	95.5
Northern KY	89.5	90.4	77.5	99.5	99.3	93.9	92.6
Alexandria, VA	147.5	111.3	251.4	105.8	109.9	100.3	100.4
Detroit, MI	95.4	98.6	⊹87.8	104.0	∗ 102.2 ₄	99.2	95.6
United States	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Table 3. Annual Median Salaries

	Engineer 5	Patent Attorney 1	Patent Attorney 2	Patent Attorney 3	Patent Attorney 4	Top Patent Attorney	Patent Agent 2
Lexington, KY	\$99,313	\$73,164	\$111,549	\$132,545	\$154,815	\$190,032	\$76,644
Louisville, KY	\$103,120	\$75,968	\$115,825	\$137,626	\$160,750	\$197,317	r\$79,582
Northern KY/Cincinnati	\$107,689	\$79,334	\$120,957	\$143,723	\$167,872	\$206,058	\$83,108
Alexandria, VA	\$118,566	\$87,348	\$133,175	\$158,241	\$184,829	\$226,872	\$91,503
Detroit, MI	\$112,692	\$83,020	\$126,577	\$150,401	\$175,672	\$215,633	\$86,969

³ C2ER, ACCRA, 3rd Quarter, 2011

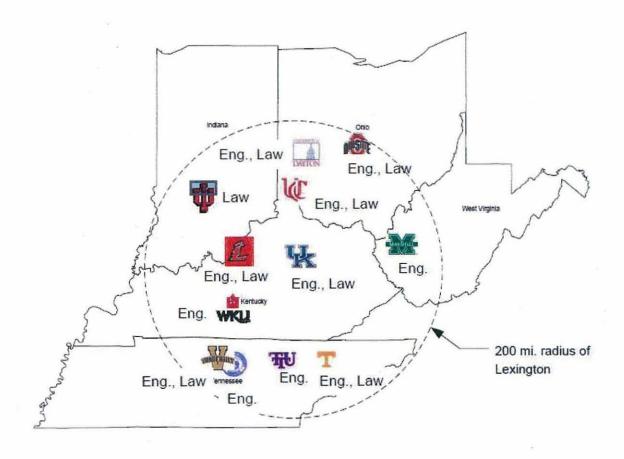
Education

If the USPTO chose the Central Kentucky region to locate an office, they have the opportunity to take full advantage of one of the area's greatest assets — a motivated, educated, productive, and cutting-edge workforce. The region is known for capitalizing on its available intellectual talent, as well as recruiting human capital from surrounding states.

In the Central Kentucky region alone, there are 40 colleges and universities with a combined enrollment of more than 101,000 students. 30 percent of the combined area's population, age 25 years and older, has at least a Bachelor's Degree compared to a national average of 27 percent. ⁴

Within a 200 mile radius of the Central Kentucky region, there are 12 universities with significant engineering and/or law programs, including the University of Cincinnati, University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, Purdue University, Indiana University, and Ohio State University. These universities provide an exceptional workforce to meet the Patent and Trademark Office's demand for talented workers in the areas of law and engineering.

Map of Universities within 200 mile radius of Central KY Metropolitan



⁴ U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2010

Not only does the Central Kentucky region draw its workforce from college graduates in the immediate region, it's also a desirable place to work for recent college graduates from adjacent states. For that reason, we are providing lists of all engineering and law programs provided by Kentucky and its surrounding states.

For a list of engineering programs and law schools in Kentucky and adjacent states, please see **Appendix 1** and **2**.

Workforce

The Central Kentucky Metropolitan region has a population of 3,861,281⁵ and a labor force of 1,990,825. We have a strong presence of occupations required by the USPTO, such as lawyers, scientists and engineers, as well as the support staff occupations (Table 4). As mentioned above, a Central Kentucky satellite office would also serve 150 registered patent attorneys and agents in Kentucky alone, and 4,824 patent attorneys and agents when including the adjacent states.

Table 4. Annual Mean Wage and Available Workforce in Central Kentucky

Occupation	Employment	Annual Mean Wage
Computer and Mathematical Occupations	43,610	\$66,467
Chemical Engineers	740	\$88,753
Civil Engineers	2,310	\$74,256
Electrical Engineers	1,760	\$87,046
Industrial Engineers	3,660	\$69,360
Mechanical Engineers	3,120	\$75,290
Lawyers	6,670	\$105,870
Human Resources Managers	1,170	\$92,046
Human Resources Specialists	6,390	\$48,686

Transportation Infrastructure

Located in the heart of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Central Kentucky Metropolitan Region holds the three largest metropolitan areas in Kentucky. Its central location and excellent transportation system have been major factors in Kentucky's growth and development. Central Kentucky is located at the center of a 31 state distribution area and is within a 600-mile radius of the majority of the nation's manufacturing employment, retail sales, and population. By virtue of this

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⁵ U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census

geographic location and Kentucky's integrated system of state maintained roads, interstates, and parkways, Central Kentucky is within overnight range of over half of the U.S. market.

Central Kentucky boasts several major interstate highways, including I-64, I-65, I-71, I-75, and I-24. I-64 and I-75, the major highways that connect St. Louis, MO to Chesapeake, VA, and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to Miami, FL, intersect in Central Kentucky. The region also has access to three major airports: Blue Grass Airport in Lexington, Louisville International and Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International. Among them, the airports service nearly 100 cities with non-stop destinations. Average flights to the DC area are significantly cheaper from our region than other major cities in the United States.

For a list of non-stop destinations, please see Appendix 3.

Federal Government Operations

The Central Kentucky Metropolitan region is home to many existing federal operations. For a list of government owned and leased buildings in the region, please see **Appendix 4**.

Non-Governmental Property

Should your interests lie outside co-locating with another federal operation, our region is also home to many excellent non-governmental office locations. Below are three examples of what the Central Kentucky region has to offer.

In Lexington, the University of Kentucky's Coldstream Research Campus is a premier location situated on 735 acres at the intersection of I-75 and I-64. Once a prominent Bluegrass horse farm, Coldstream is now home to 1,000 employees working in biotech, pharmaceutical and equine-related companies, and a wide range of businesses including HP, Coldstream Laboratories Inc. and Embassy Suites Hotel.

Louisville offers the Shelbyhurst Research Office Park, a new construction with cutting edge architecture. Shelbyhurst is a 130,000 square feet property at the landmark location of Hurstbourne Parkway and Shelbyville Road.

Finally, Northern Kentucky is home to The Towers of RiverCenter, a premier office complex in Northern Kentucky, which offers Class A Office Space with breathtaking views of downtown Cincinnati. The RiverCenter complex includes three magnificent office towers, an Embassy Suites Hotel and a Marriott Hotel, and has a prestigious reputation for unparalleled convenience, elegance and quality service.

What Others Say About the Central Kentucky Metropolitan Region - See Appendix 5

Appendixes

Appendix 1: Engineering Schools in Kentucky and Adjacent States

Kentucky

School/Location	Engineering Student Population	Number of Graduates (2010)
Murray State University/Murray		
Dept. of Physics & Engineering	70	41
Murray State University/Murray		
Dept. of Industrial & Engineering Technology	74	27
University of Kentucky/Lexington	1,675	409
University of Louisville/Louisville		
J.B. Speed School of Engineering	1,389	274
Western Kentucky University/Bowling Green	285	91

Ohio

School/Location	Engineering Student Population	Number of Graduates (2010)
Air Force Institute of Technology	976*	308*
Case Western Reserve University/Cleveland	1,692	443
Cedarville University/Cedarville	319	53
Central State University/Wilberforce	79	37
Cleveland State University/Cleveland	1,113	278
Marietta College/Marietta	96*	15*
Miami University/Oxford	849	83
Ohio Northern University/Ada	452	95
Ohio State University/Columbus	7,231	1,543
Ohio University/Athens	1,589	340
University of Akron/Akron	2,115	264
University of Cincinnati/Cincinnati	3,189	642
University of Dayton/Dayton		
School of Engineering	1,704	341
University of Toledo/Toledo	1,376*	348*
Wright State University/Dayton	1,985	347
Youngstown State University/Youngstown	2,288	367

^{*2009} Data

Indiana

School/Location	Engineering Student Population	Number of Graduates (2010)
Indiana Institute of Technology/Fort Wayne	271	39
Indiana-Purdue University/Fort Wayne	346	29
Indiana-Purdue University/Indianapolis	2,659	579
Purdue University/West Lafayette	9,504	1,534
Purdue University Calumet/Hammond	616	97
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology/Terre Haute	1,864	447
Tri-State University/Angola	362*	N/A
University of Evansville/Evansville	317*	99*
University of Notre Dame/South Bend	934	282
Valparaiso University/Valparaiso	356	82

^{*2009} Data

Illinois

School/Location	Engineering Student Population	Number of Graduates (2010)
Bradley University/Peoria	688	126
Illinois Institute of Technology/Chicago	978*	329*
Northern Illinois University/DeKalb	1,164	257
Northwestern University/Evanston	1,298*	903*
Olivet Nazarene University/Bourbonnais	84*	21*
Southern Illinois University/Carbondale	903*	259*
Southern Illinois University/Edwardsville	831	267
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign/Urbana	5,288	1,129

^{*2009} Data

Tennessee

	Engineering Student	Number of Graduates
School/Location	Population	(2010)
Christian Brothers University/Memphis	· 223	51
Lipscomb University/Nashville	119	8
Tennessee State University/Nashville	726	184
Tennessee Technological University/Cookeville	1,382	417
University of Memphis/Memphis		
Herff College of Engineering	523	181
University of Memphis/Memphis		
Dept. of Engineering Technology	228	88
University of Tennessee/Chattanooga	435	115
University of Tennessee/Knoxville	1,814	411
University of Tennessee/Martin	262	45
Vanderbilt University/Nashville	1,229	365

Missouri

School/Location	Engineering Student Population	Number of Graduates (2010)
St. Louis University/St. Louis		
Parks College of Engineering, Aviation & Technology	447	169
St. Louis University/St. Louis		
Dept. of Engineering Technology	9	0
Southeast Missouri State University/Cape Girardeau	56	22
University of Missouri/Columbia	1,756	383
University of Missouri/Kansas City	726	217
University of Missouri/Rolla	3,303	810
University of Missouri/St. Louis	N/A	N/A
Washington University/St. Louis	1,168	366

West Virginia

School/Location	Engineering Student Population	Number of Graduates (2010)
West Virginia University/Morgantown	2,000	616
West Virginia University Institute of		
Technology/Montgomery		
Leonard C. Nelson College of Engineering	1,902	371
West Virginia University Institute of Technology/		
Montgomery	164	48
Engineering/Information Div. of Community &		·
Technical College		

Appendix 2: Law Schools in Kentucky and Adjacent States

School	Freshman Class Enrollment	Class of 2009-2010 Graduates
University of Louisville	142	114
University of Kentucky	178	123
Northern Kentucky University	198	121
Indiana University Bloomington	234	156
Indiana University Indianapolis	299	147
Notre Dame University	172	98
Valparaiso University	167	119
DePaul University	362	203
Illinois Institute of Technology	342	164
John Marshall School of Law	411	226
Loyola University	276	188
Northern Illinois University	126	76
Northwestern University	251	116
Southern Illinois University	128	68
University of Chicago	199	92
University of Illinois	176	101

University of Memphis	156	78
University of Tennessee	168	113
Vanderbilt University	204	92
St. Louis University	321	148
University of Missouri @ Columbia	164	125
University of Missouri @ Kansas City	164	118
Washington University	228	109
Capital University	265	142
Case Western Reserve University	231	143
Cleveland State University	267	135
Ohio Northern University	139	97
Ohio State University	227	152
University of Akron	197	88
University of Cincinnati	143	89
University of Dayton	178	103
University of Toledo	188	127
West Virginia University	173	129

Appendix 3: Central Kentucky Metropolitan Region Non-Stop Destinations

Blue Grass Regional Airport

Domestic:		
Atlanta, GA	Minneapolis, MN	
Charlotte, NC	New York – LaGuardia	
Chicago – O'Hare	Orlando, FL	
Dallas, TX	Orlando/Sanford, FL	
Detroit, MI	Punta Gorda, FL	
Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Tampa Bay, FL	
Houston, TX	Washington, DC	
Las Vegas, NV		
15 non-stop destinations		

Louisville International Airport

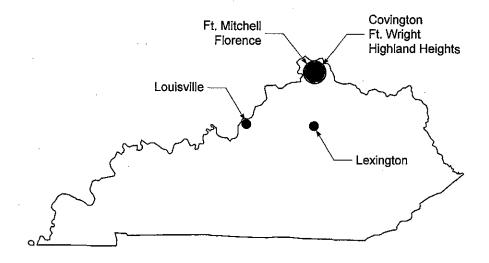
International:	
Freeport, Bahamas	
Domestic:	
Atlanta, GA	Memphis, TN
Baltimore, MD	Miami, FL
Birmingham, AL	Milwaukee, Wl
Charlotte, NC	Minneapolis, MN
Chicago-Midway	New York-Newark
Chicago-O'Hare	New York-LaGuardia
Cincinnati, OH	Orlando, FL
Cleveland, OH	Orlando/Sanford, FL

Dallas, TX	Philadelphia, PA
Denver, CO	Phoenix, AZ
Destin/Fort Walton Beach, FL	Punta Gorda/Ft. Myers, FL
Detroit, MI	St Louis, MO
Fort Lauderdale, FL	Tampa, FL
Houston, TX	Washington DC-Reagan
Las Vegas, NV	Washington DC-Dulles
31 non-stop destinations	

Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport

International:	
Cancun Mexico	
Paris(Charles De Gaulle) France	`
Toronto(Pearson Intl) ON Canada	
Domestic:	
Atlanta(Intl) GA	Memphis TN
Baltimore(Intl) MD	Miami(Intl) FL
Boston(Intl) MA	Milwaukee WI
Charlotte NC	Minneapolis/St. Paul(Intl) MN
Chicago(O'Hare) IL	Nashville(Intl) TN
Cleveland(Inti) OH	New Orleans(Intl) LA
Dallas/Ft. Worth(Intl) TX	New York(Kennedy) NY
Denver(Intl) CO	Newark/New York(Liberty) NJ
Detroit(Metro Wayne) MI	Norfolk/Va.Bch/Wmbg VA
Fayetteville(Regional) AR	Omaha NE
Ft. Lauderdale(Intl) FL	Orlando(Intl) FL
Ft. Myers(Southwest Fl Intl) FL	Philadelphia(Intl) PA
Grand Rapids MI	Phoenix(Intl) AZ
Greensboro/H.Pt/Win-Salem NC	Pittsburgh(Intl) PA
Greenville/Spartanburg SC	Raleigh/Durham NC
Harrisburg(Intl) PA	Richmond/Wmbg VA
Hartford(Bradley Intl) CT	Salt Lake City UT
Houston(G.Bush Intl) TX	San Diego CA
Houston(Hobby) TX	San Francisco(Intl) CA
Jacksonville(Intl) FL	Seattle/Tacoma(Intl) WA
Kansas City(Intl) MO	St. Louis(Intl) MO
Las Vegas(Intl) NV	Syracuse NY
LGA-New York(Laguardia) NY	Tampa(Intl) FL
Los Angeles(Inti) CA	Washington (Reagan Nat'l) DC
Madison(Dane County) WI	Washington(Dulles Intl) DC
53 non-stop destinations	

Appendix 4: Central Kentucky Metropolitan Region Federally Owned or Leased Buildings



Operations Name	Address
	101 Barr Street
U.S. Courthouse	Lexington, KY
	1500 Leestown Road
IRS	Lexington, KY
	1460 Newtown Pike
Dept. of Health and Human Services	Lexington, KY
	100 East Vine
U.S. Bankruptcy Court	Lexington, KY
	125 Lisle Ind. Avenue
U.S. Hearings and Appeals Office	Lexington, KY
	2260 Executive Drive
U.S. Social Security Administration	Lexington, KY
	3141 Beaumont Centre Circle
U.S. Secret Service	Lexington, KY
	4000 Terminal Drive
Blue Grass Airport	Lexington, KY
	1040 Monarch Street, Suite 200
U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms	Lexington, KY
···	997 Governor's Lane
Drug Enforcement Administration	Lexington, KY
	1101 Veterans Drive
VA Hospital	Lexington, KY
	2250 Leestown Road
VA Hospital	Lexington, KY
	1088 Nandino Blvd
U.S. Post Office	Lexington, KY
	230 Madison Ave, Rm 601 #601
6th Circuit Court	Covington, KY
	207 Grandview Drive
Attorneys, Executive Office For United States	Fort Mitchell, KY

	2220 Grandview Drive, #215
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection	Fort Mitchell, KY
	700 Scott Street, #300
Department of Justice	Covington, KY
	1885 Dixie Hwy, #210
Employee Benefits Security Administration	Fort Wright, KY
	2220 Grandview Drive, #280
Federal Bureau of Investigation	Fort Mitchell, KY
	7570 US Highway 42
Federal Communications Commission	Florence, KY
	201 W Rivercenter Blvd
IRS	Covington, KY
	35 W 5 th Street, Floor 2
Marshals Service, United States	Covington, KY
	8 Youell Street
Social Security Administration	Florence, KY
	125 Dale Road
The U.S. Census Bureau	Highland Heights, KY
	35 West 5 th Street
The Supreme Court of the United States	Covington, KY
	103 Landmark Drive, #3
Veterans Health Administration	Bellevue, KY
	1000 South Fort Thomas Avenue
Veterans Health Administration	Fort Thomas, KY
	601 West Broadway
Gene Snyder U.S. Courthouse and Customhouse	Louisville, KY
	600 Martin Luther King Jr Place
Romano Mazzoli Federal Building	Louisville, KY
	10503 Timberwood Circle
Social Security Administration	Louisville, KY
	12401 Sycamore Station Road
Federal Bureau of Investigation	Louisville, KY
	2700 Gast Blvd
GSA	Louisville, KY
_	1500 Ormsby Station Court
Environmental Health Management	Louisville, KY
	2500 West Broadway
Social Security Administration	Louisville, KY
	5520 Fern Valley Road, Suite 110
GSA Regional Fleet Management Center	Louisville, KY

Appendix 5: Accolades

Lexington

#13 in percent of population, 250,000 and over, with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher (38.7%), *United States Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2010*

#1 Top 10 Mid-Sized Counties, Fourth Economy, 2011

#4 Best Place for Business and Careers, Forbes, 2011

Louisville

#2 Digital City with population over 250,000, Government Technology, 2011

#14 Best Place for Business and Careers, Forbes 2011

10 Best Cities for Commuters, Kiplinger, 2011

Northern Kentucky

Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG) ranked Best Regional Airport in North America, Skytrax, 2011

#7 most literate city - Cincinnati MSA - in the U.S., USA Today, 2011

Top 25 City - Cincinnati MSA - for New College Grads, Bloomberg Businessweek, 2011