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Subject: A humble examiner's pitch for a Boston, ma satellite

In choosing BOSTON!!!!!

the USPTO considered multiple cities and sought a location where the agency could best recruit and retain patent examiners and increase applicant outreach.

The criteria included, but was not limited to: occupational clusters (BOSTON IS LIKE THE SOUTH SF OF THE EAST FOR BIOTECH);

number of patent attorneys and agents currently in the region (A GREAT NUMBER OF MY APPLICANTS AND THEIR REPESENTATIVES);

number of patent applications by state (I WOULD GUESS EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH);

access to universities with strong engineering programs (MIT, TUFTS, BU, HARVARD, UMASS and more, e.g., BRANDEIS);

public transportation infrastructure and proximate location to a major airport (LOGAN AND THE T ARE SUPER CONVENIENT);

the ability to share facilities with other established governmental operations; the ability to support departmental objectives, including CommerceConnect, and increase collaborations among Commerce bureaus; and various economic factors, including cost of living and unemployment rates of the city (NOT IN MY REALM OF KNOWLEDGE).

I hotel from a beautiful suburb of Boston, Newton, MA and I would love to see a regional office for the "Northeast" (as opposed to the "Midatlantic/South" Alexandria PTO).

You could open one in CA or CO and call it the "Western" office and call Detroit the "Midwest" office.

Best wishes

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