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Hello Azam Khan, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Under Secretary and Director USPTO, or to whom it may concern:

This e-mail is in regard to your request for comments concerning locations for future PTO satellite offices in accordance with the America Invents Act (AIA).

I am supporting the Denver Metropolitan region, and more specifically, Boulder, Colorado for the following reasons:

- Quality of Life: Forbes magazine best places to live well: <http://www.forbes.com/2009/05/04/towns-cities-real-estate-lifestyle-real-estate-top-towns.html>
- o Quality of Life: USA Today ranks Boulder #1 for "well-being": http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2010-02-15-cities_N.htm
- Boulder is America's top destination for startup companies. http://www.businessweek.com/smallbiz/content/apr2010/sb20100421_531161.htm
- Boulder is centrally located in the US and is only 30 minutes from Denver and 45 minutes from Fort Collins. <http://www.bouldercolorado.gov/>
- Within 50 minute close proximity to Denver International Airport; a hub for low cost airlines including Frontier and Southwest having non-stop daily flights to Washington DC and servicing almost every other major airport. <http://flydenver.com/>
- Home of the University of Colorado which consistently has a top ranked Engineering school: http://engineering.colorado.edu/overview/fact_sheets.htm
- Department of Commerce already has space available in Boulder as it already houses scientific government agencies including NIST, NOAA, and NTIA: <http://www.boulder.doc.gov/>
- U.S. senators Michael Bennet and Mark Udall, both from Colorado, were instrumental in securing an amendment to the American Invents Act empowering the USPTO to create new satellite offices. http://markudall.senate.gov/?p=press_release&id=1464
- NASA has decided to build a technology facility in the area due to the region's strength in the sciences and its highly educated work force: http://www.coloradodaily.com/cu-boulder/ci_16848414#axzz1g4MroVXI

Further, we already have PTO management presence in Boulder. I'm a Supervisory Patent Examiner and have been living in Boulder for over a year. I commute regularly to the PTO Alexandria campus. I have personally witnessed and experienced the entrepreneurial spirit in this area, the quality of life, the highly educated technological work force, and the need for a Patent Office presence. When I mention I work at the USPTO, the questions and the interest in what we do does not stop. This region needs a place for these start-up companies to go to get patent help and protection.

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