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**Via Electronic Mail to:  
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Azam Khan  
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**Re: Proposed USPTO Satellite Office for the Greater New Orleans Area**

Dear Mr. Khan,

Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC would like to express its support for The Gulf Coast Patent Association's comment proving the strong advantages of the United States Patent and Trademark Office locating a satellite office in a central location in the Central Gulf Coast region of Southeast Louisiana / Southwest Mississippi. Baker Donelson knows that having a USPTO satellite office in the greater New Orleans, Louisiana region will provide greatly improved access to the USPTO, support Departmental objectives including CommerceConnect, and increase collaborations among Commerce bureaus throughout the southern states of the Austin and Atlanta Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration regions. The USPTO satellite office itself will provide a positive impact to the greater New Orleans region still recovering from the effects of Hurricane Katrina and the BP oil spill.

Baker Donelson is the 73rd largest law firm in the United States, with over 600 attorneys in 18 offices throughout the southeastern United States, including New Orleans and Washington, D.C. Baker Donelson also has more than 20 attorneys who are registered to practice before the USPTO. Clearly, the location of a USPTO office within the greater New Orleans area will help our organization accomplish its goals, allow for increased workflow, stimulate the development of higher quality technologies, and greatly enhance the commercialization of those technologies throughout our region.

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A USPTO satellite office in any location within the greater New Orleans area would provide easy access to our organization and any organization from Texas to Florida. In addition, with rapidly growing infrastructure, excellent tax incentives for businesses, and high quality of life indicators, the greater New Orleans region is a logical choice for a USPTO satellite office.

Baker Donelson looks forward to your review of all of the comments and urges the USPTO to support this comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ben C. Adams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Chairman & Chief Executive Officer

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