

January 27, 2012

Mr. David Kappos
Under Secretary for Intellectual Property
Director for the United States Patent and Trademark Office
Department of Commerce
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Under Secretary Kappos:

As representatives from the major research Universities in Oregon, we write in support of the proposal to bring a satellite US Patent and Trademark Office to Oregon. In supporting this proposal, we wish to point out the reciprocal benefits of an Oregon office and the distinctive capacities that Oregon universities offer through multiple disciplines and statewide partnerships across higher education and industry.

In particular, we would like to emphasize:

- The capacity of Oregon universities to mobilize and recruit graduates (BS, MS, PhD) in all major engineering and science disciplines from significant research universities (\$1B+ in combined research expenditures: University of Oregon, Oregon State University, Portland State University, Oregon Health and Sciences Center, and the Oregon Institute of Technology).
- An ability to recruit legal professionals (JD) from University of Oregon, Lewis & Clark, and Willamette, through partnerships in legal training, intellectual copyright law, business law, and legal writing.
- An ability to recruit experienced technical professionals from the Silicon Forest industry cluster, one of the top innovative clusters in the nation with World-class innovation-intensive companies including Intel, HP, Nike, Micron Technology, Tektronix, Digimarc, LSI Logic, Xerox, Sharp, IBM, Life Technologies, Welch Allyn, Genentech, Acumed and Biotronik.
- Our capacity for extraordinary access to continuing education in multiple institutions, including extended campuses of Oregon State University and Portland State University and continuing education at all major institutions.
- A robust culture of cooperation, support and innovation within educational initiatives like the Collaborative Life Science Building and with industry through Signature Research Centers that include the Oregon Nanoscience and Microtechnologies Institute, Oregon Translational Research and Drug Development Institute, and Oregon Built Environment and Sustainable Technologies Center.

In addition to a high retention rate of Patent Examiners due to a highly ranked quality of life and lower cost of living in Oregon, we would especially like to stress Oregon's upward-trending and robust history of innovation. The number of patents awarded to Oregon inventors has increased over 500% in the last two decades. As University research portfolios and dedication to creating industry partnerships increase, this trend will continue and will strongly support a Regional Office in Oregon.


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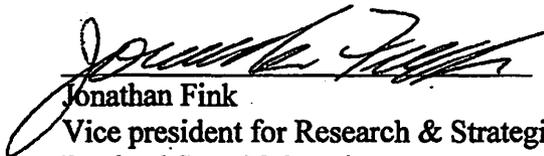
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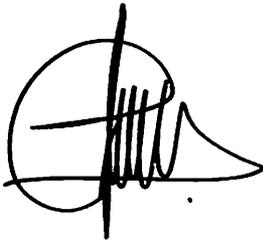
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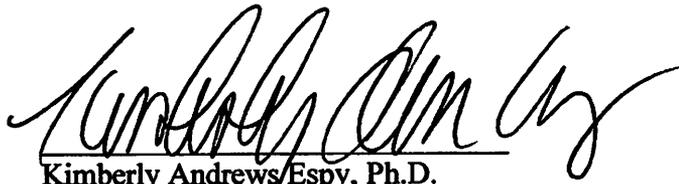
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