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Mr. Azam Khan
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United States Patent and Trademark Office
Mail Stop Office of Under Secretary and Director
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Re: Location of a USPTO Satellite Office in Louisiana

Dear Mr. Khan:

I am writing on behalf of The Coordinating and Development Corp. (CDC) to express our agency's support for the United States Patent and Trademark Office to locate a satellite office in a central location in the Central Gulf Coast region of Southeast Louisiana / Southwest Mississippi. We know that having a USPTO satellite office in the greater New Orleans, Louisiana region will provide greatly improved access to the USPTO, support Departmental objectives, 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 will provide a positive impact to the greater New Orleans region still recovering from the effects of Hurricane Katrina and the BP oil spill.

CDC is a private, member supported economic development organization that works with numerous federal and state agencies, including the EDA, DRA, and HUD, through Louisiana's Community Development Block Grant program. Our mission is to create new jobs and diversify the economy in our region, which is composed of 10 parishes in northwest Louisiana, five counties in southwest Arkansas, and nine counties in northwest Texas. The location of a USPTO office within greater New Orleans will help our organization accomplish its goals, allow for an increased workflow, stimulate the development of higher quality technologies, and greatly enhance the commercialization of those technologies throughout our region.

A USPTO satellite office in any location within the greater New Orleans area would provide easy access to our organization and businesses from the Ark-La-Tex. CDC looks forward to your review of all comments from our area, and urges the USPTO to support a regional office in the New Orleans area.

Sincerely,

M. D. LeComte
President and CEO