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David Kappos
Director
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Dear Director Kappos:

The Colorado School of Mines respectfully requests the U.S. Patent Trade Office select Colorado for its next satellite office.

Colorado School of Mines was founded in 1874 as the premier energy university of Colorado, a distinction it holds to this day. Mines is devoted to engineering and applied sciences and making sure that its world class research leads to innovations that benefit society. Part of that mission relies on the ability to protect the intellectual property so that companies can gain a competitive advantage if they license the innovation. Mines has significantly increased its activity in this area in the past five years and is committed to sustaining these efforts.
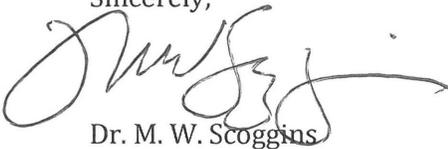
Innovation is a large part of Colorado's culture, making it an ideal place for a patent office. Our research universities, federal labs and companies understand the importance of patents and protected intellectual property for the advancement of innovations in a global economy.

The State Legislature and the Governor or Colorado have also shown their strong commitment to technology-based economic development by developing proof-of-concept and early stage grants for developing technologies, committing to making Colorado an energy and bioscience center and supporting networking and collaboration between various innovation centers.

Colorado is a center of innovation for the Rocky Mountain region and the nation. Mines frequently collaborates with Universities, national labs and companies all over the nation and the world. In an economy with increasing global competition and diminishing resources, Colorado plays an important central role and is a great strategic location for a USPTO satellite office.

We thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me with any further questions at 303-273-3280.

Sincerely,

Dr. M. W. Scoggins
President
Colorado School of Mines