

Massachusetts is a world leader in an extraordinarily diverse range of industries: high tech, biotechnology, alternative and clean energy, medical devices, software, electrical engineering, optics, communications, nanotechnology, and pharmaceutical research. These industries disproportionately rely on the patent system. Access to these researchers and engineers will facilitate collaboration and communication with the USPTO's clients, increase examiners' expertise, improve the speed and quality of patent prosecution, and help to reduce the application backlog in the U.S.

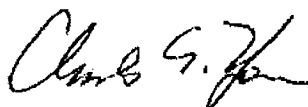
Because of its dynamic business environment and rich cultural resources, Massachusetts attracts and retains a diverse range of the brightest scientists, engineers, researchers, entrepreneurs and venture capitalists from around the world. Moreover, companies, universities, and research institutions in New England have the highest rates of retaining their employees in the U.S. Finally, Massachusetts also has one of the most extensive public transit systems in the country, including a commuter rail line extending from Worcester to Boston. Massachusetts is also home to a U.S. Department of Commerce Regional Office.

We believe that when you consider all of these factors and our vibrant innovation economy, you will agree that Massachusetts is the ideal location for the next satellite USPTO office.

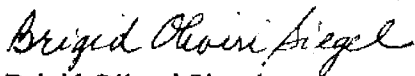
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