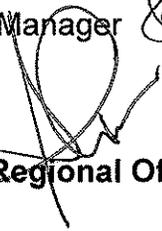




**CITY OF SUNNYVALE
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**

September 5, 2012

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Robert Walker, Assistant City Manager 
THRU: Gary Luebbers, City Manager 
SUBJECT: U.S. Patent and Trademark Regional Office Update

Regional Office Siting

In response to the USPTO's announcement in early July that it will open a regional office in the Silicon Valley region, the Mayor led a City delegation in a meeting with Agency officials in early August to kick-start our efforts to have the satellite office situated in Sunnyvale. Sunnyvale is an ideal location for numerous reasons, including its designation as the Most Inventive City in America, its central location in Silicon Valley, and its proven ability to stimulate municipal and private innovation.

This regional office will help the USPTO further implement the goals and objectives of the America Invents Act. The office will attract talented Intellectual Property experts to work closely with entrepreneurs to process patent applications, reduce the backlog of unexamined patents, speed up the overall process, and allow businesses to move their innovations to market more quickly.

USPTO officials are currently looking at an inventory of existing government offices in the Silicon Valley to determine if those will fit their needs; if they do not, the USPTO will work with the General Services Administration to begin a formal process to accept bids on available leasing space.

The USPTO announced on Aug. 23, 2012, that its Denver regional satellite office will be located in the Byron G. Rogers Federal Building in Denver, Colorado.

Regional Office Recruitment

In addition to searching for office space, the USPTO performed a recruitment effort to hire Administrative Patent Judges for the Silicon Valley regional office. According to the job announcement, the USPTO will open its satellite office in Silicon Valley with the focus of becoming a home for highly-skilled professionals experienced in Intellectual Property patent prosecution. The recruitment closed on August 26. Although the job announcement states that the physical location of the office is yet to be determined, the *duty location* is noted as specifically San Jose.