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## **Silicon Valley Leaders Propose San Jose as a Satellite Location for U.S. Patent Office**

*San José, Calif.* – The City of San Jose, with significant support from the Silicon Valley Leadership Group and other regional partners, has submitted a proposal to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for locating a satellite office here. The proposal responds to a request for comments regarding future satellite office locations for its Nationwide Workforce Program.

“As the Capital of Silicon Valley, San Jose is the ideal location for one of Patent and Trademark Office’s new satellite offices,” Mayor Chuck Reed said. “Silicon Valley is home to the world’s most innovative companies and entrepreneurs, who together produce more patents than any other region in the country. I’d like to thank our many other partners for joining this regional effort to bring a Patent and Trademark Office to San Jose.”

The Silicon Valley Leadership Group, Joint Venture Silicon Valley, Silicon Valley/San Jose Chamber of Commerce, San Jose State University, and many other local businesses, universities and organizations have endorsed the San Jose proposal.

In addition to its Alexandria headquarters and a satellite office planned for Detroit, the USPTO intends to establish at least two more satellite offices in the next three years.

Among the competitive advantages of locating a USPTO satellite office in Silicon Valley are:

- Five of the nation’s Top 10 patent-producing cities are located in the Silicon Valley, with San Jose leading the way with 10,000 registered patents in 2009.
- The Bay Area has a highly skilled workforce with more than 160,800 engineers (comprising of 4% of the total workforce) and an estimated pool of 1,800 experienced engineers enrolled for reemployment services.
- San Jose State University, Stanford University, Santa Clara University, the University of California at Berkeley, and the University of California at Santa Cruz together graduate more than 3,500 engineering students annually.
- Silicon Valley has a unique concentration of multinational corporations and technology start ups that will benefit from close proximity to the USPTO, enhancing service, improving filer’s access to examiners, and decreasing backlog.

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