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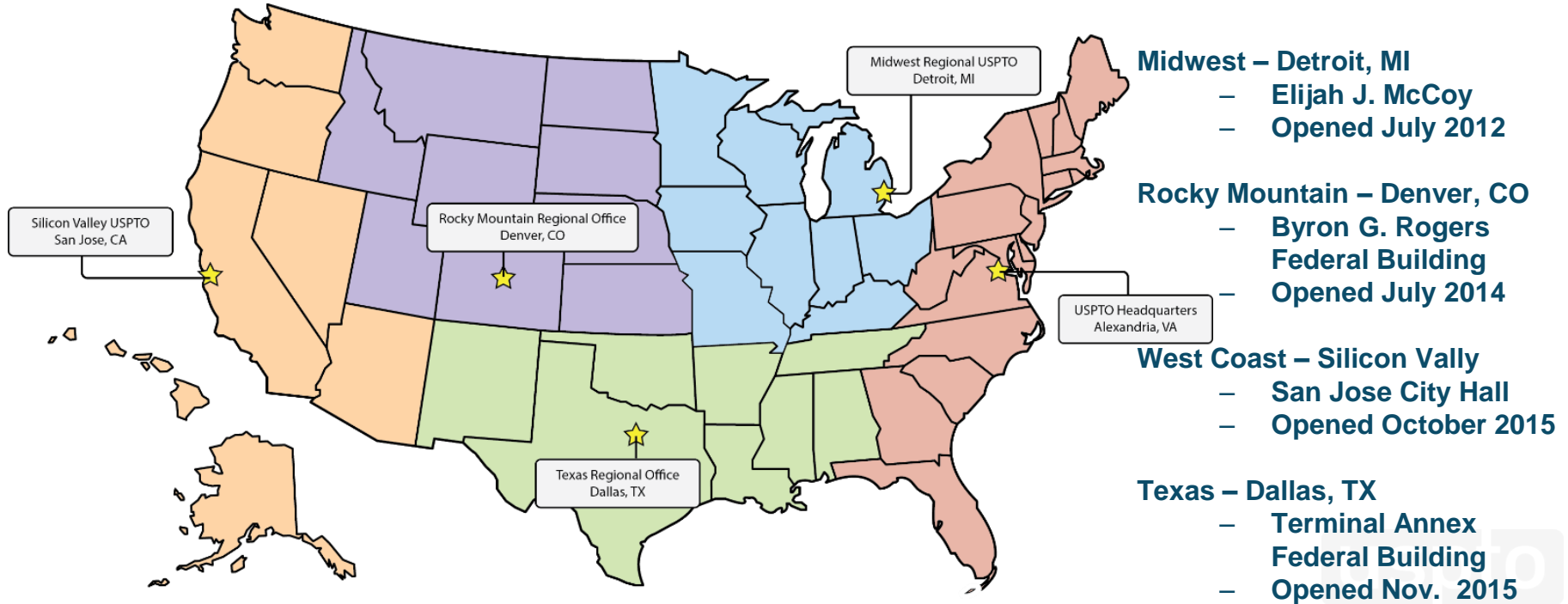
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# USPTO Offices



# Regional Office Expansion

## Three primary goals:

- 1. Bring USPTO services to the region**  
... to improve access for stakeholders
- 2. Attract, hire and retain top talent**  
... to help keep backlogs low and quality high
- 3. Serve as a hub of outreach and education**  
... to support the innovation ecosystem

# The Silicon Valley USPTO

*West Coast Regional Office*



# Silicon Valley USPTO San Jose City Hall



# Partnering with universities:

- **Guest lectures** and education programs delivered by USPTO officials on intellectual property
- **Co-sponsored community events** related to intellectual property
- **Workshops, trainings, conferences, and roundtables** focused on research, innovation and technology
- **Sharing your expertise** as guest lecturer with patent examiners working on emerging technologies



# Partnering with universities:

*Continued*

- **On campus recruiting** for patent examiner positions across the country
- **Externship and internship** programs for students and veterans
- **Law School Clinic Certification** Program giving students experience in patent and trademark law
- **STEM Education** programs with an emphasis on innovative learning



# Working with Startups

Programs for the Innovation Community designed to:

- **Increase Awareness of Intellectual Property**
  - IP Strategy **IS** a Business Strategy
- **Identify Risks of Early Public Disclosure**
  - U.S. is now a First Inventor to File System
    - Understanding the Grace Period
  - Loss of rights internationally
    - % foreign filing
  - Crowdfunding Campaigns
    - Disclosure vs. On Sale Bar issues ?
- **Where to get help?**

# Resources

- Utility Patent Application Guide: [www.uspto.gov/patents/resources/types/utility.jsp](http://www.uspto.gov/patents/resources/types/utility.jsp)
- Patent Process: [www.uspto.gov/patents/process/index.js](http://www.uspto.gov/patents/process/index.js)
- USPTO Patent Search Guide: [www.uspto.gov/patents/process/search/index.jsp](http://www.uspto.gov/patents/process/search/index.jsp)
- IP Awareness Assessment Tool: <http://www.uspto.gov/inventors/assessment/index.html>
- Inventor resources: [www.uspto.gov/inventors/patents.jsp](http://www.uspto.gov/inventors/patents.jsp)
- Micro Entity Limit: [www.uspto.gov/patents/law/micro\\_entity.jsp](http://www.uspto.gov/patents/law/micro_entity.jsp)
- Pro Bono help and video about patents: [www.uspto.gov/inventors/proseprobono](http://www.uspto.gov/inventors/proseprobono)
- First Inventor to File: [www.uspto.gov/aia\\_implementation/patents.jsp#heading-10](http://www.uspto.gov/aia_implementation/patents.jsp#heading-10)
- Law School Clinic Program:  
[www.uspto.gov/ip/boards/oed/practitioner/agents/law\\_school\\_pilot.jsp](http://www.uspto.gov/ip/boards/oed/practitioner/agents/law_school_pilot.jsp)



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