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LAKWOOD TO HOUSE TEMPORARY WORK SPACE FOR U.S. PATENT OFFICE

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office plans to open a temporary office in Lakewood at the start of the year as it waits for renovation work to finish up on a more permanent space in the Byron G. Rogers Federal Building in Denver.

"In Denver, the General Services Administration is renovating our future office space. In the meantime, we have found temporary space in Lakewood ... to house our board judges and senior leadership," USPTO Director David Kappos said in a blog post this week.

The temporary facility, on Alameda Avenue and Kipling, is scheduled to begin operations Jan. 2.

"The Lakewood office means that patent examiners and judges will begin working in Denver, providing easier access for applicants and inventors in many parts of the country," said Sen. Michael Bennet, D-Colo., in a statement.

"The opening of the temporary office location is a critical first step in changing the game and elevating our stature as a place for continued growth and opportunities for innovators and entrepreneurs," added John Posthumus, a shareholder with the law office of Sheridan Ross PC.

The USPTO is hiring administrative patent judges to work on its Patent Trial and Appeal Board in the Denver area. The new office is also expected to provide a base of operations for patent officials visiting from the Virginia headquarters.

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