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**U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services**

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Inland Empire Renewable Energy Regional Center, LLC  
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Application: Request for Designation as a Regional Center  
Applicant: Ching Liu, Executive Vice President

Re: Inland Empire Renewable Energy Regional Center, LLC  
RCW1031910076 (Formerly W09002750)

Pursuant to Section 610 of the Appropriations Act of 1993, as amended, on October 19, 2010, Ching Liu submitted a proposal seeking approval and designation by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) of the Inland Empire Renewable Energy Regional Center, LLC.

USCIS hereby designates Inland Empire Renewable Energy Regional Center, LLC (IERE) as a Regional Center within the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program and approves the request as described below:

**GEOGRAPHIC AREA:**

The Inland Empire Renewable Energy Regional Center, LLC shall have a geographic scope which includes the counties of Orange, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Riverside in the State of California.

**FOCUS OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITY:**

As depicted in the economic model, the general proposal, business plan and associated economic analysis, the Regional Center will engage in the following economic activities: Loans to 3<sup>rd</sup> party enterprises, Real Estate Construction, renovation and management, Construction and development of infrastructures, securing equipment for new and existing businesses and paying salaries for start-up businesses.

The Regional Center shall focus on offering EB-5 compliant capital investment opportunities into new commercial enterprises, in the following 8 target industry economic categories:

1. NAICS 5611 Administrative services

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| 2. NAICS 5614  | Business support services   |
| 3. NAICS 44-45 | Retail  |
| 4. NAICS 493   | Distribution  |
| 5. NAICS 61    | Education   |
| 6. NAICS 23    | Construction  |
| 7. NAICS 5314  | Engineering and design  |
| 8. NAICS 23    | Installation, supervision and maintenance of solar energy systems |

Note: If any investment opportunities arise that are beyond the scope of the approved industry clusters, then an amendment would be required to add that category.

Aliens seeking immigrant visas through the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program may file individual petitions with USCIS for capital investments in new commercial enterprises located within and affiliated with the approved Regional Center area.

The geographic focus of the regional center may contain an area that is ultimately determined to qualify as a Targeted Employment Area (TEA), either as a rural area or an area of high unemployment as defined in 8 CFR 204.6(e). The area must qualify as a TEA at the time of the individual alien investor's capital investment or at the time of filing of his or her Form I-526 petition. TEA determinations are part of the adjudication of the individual Form I-526 petition, not in the adjudication of regional center applications.

The minimum capital investment threshold for any EB-5 capital investment into an approved commercial enterprise throughout the regional center shall be not less than \$500,000, if the investment target is located within a TEA, or \$1,000,000 if it is located outside of a TEA. No debt arrangement will be acceptable unless it is secured by assets owned by the alien entrepreneur. A full capital investment must be made and placed at risk.

For any alien requesting the reduced threshold of \$500,000 based upon an investment in a Targeted Employment area, the alien must establish at the time of filing of the I-526 petition that either the investment will be made in a TEA designated area or was made in a TEA designated area at the time of the alien's initial investment into the enterprise.

#### **EMPLOYMENT CREATION**

Immigrant investors who file petitions for capital investments in new commercial enterprises located within and affiliated with the Regional Center area must fulfill all of the requirements set forth in INA 203(b)(5), 8 CFR 204.6, and 8 CFR 216.6, except that the petition need not show that the new commercial enterprises created ten new jobs directly as a result of the immigrant investor's investment. The determination whether the alien investor has met the job creation requirements will be established by a review of the required initial evidence at 8 CFR 204.6(j) and 8 CFR 216.6(a)(4) for the Form I-526 and Form I-829 petitions, respectively. The capital investment and job creation activities outlined in the individual petitions must fall within the bounds of the final economic analysis that is contained as part of the approved Regional Center proposal and its indirect job creation model and multipliers contained within the final approved Regional Center application package. The immigrant investor must show at the time of removal of conditions that they performed the activities described in Form I-526 petition, and the activities must be based on the approved regional center methodology for demonstrating job creation. In this case, the RIMS II methodology was used.