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Application: Request for Designation as a Regional Center
Applicant(s): Mike Mattox

Re: Washington Regional Center
RCW1031910020/W09001820

Pursuant to Section 610 of the Appropriations Act of 1993, on May 4, 2010, Mike Mattox submitted a proposal seeking approval and designation by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) of the Washington Regional Center.

USCIS hereby designates Washington Regional Center as a Regional Center within the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program and approves the request as described below:

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: to provide supplementary financing for Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Project ("Viaduct Project").

The Regional Center shall focus on offering EB-5 compliant capital investment opportunities into new commercial enterprises or a mix of commercial enterprises in the following target industry economic cluster:

1. NAICS 23 Construction

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

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:

The Washington Regional Center shall have a geographic scope of the Washington Counties of King, Pierce, Thurston, Mason, Grays Harbor, Pacific and Lewis.

The geographic focus of this area may contain some High Unemployment Targeted Employment Areas (TEAs) as designated by the State of Washington and rural TEAs, as defined in 8 CFR 204.6(e). Therefore, the minimum capital investment threshold for any individual immigrant 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 in a TEA designated area at the time of the alien's initial investment into the enterprise.

EMPLOYMENT CREATION

The econometric model is RIMS II. 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 addition, where job creation or preservation of existing jobs is claimed based on a multiplier rooted in underlying new "direct jobs", the immigrant investor's individual I-526 petition affiliated with your Regional Center, should include as supporting evidence:

- A comprehensive detailed business plan with supporting financial, marketing and related data and analysis providing a reasonable basis for projecting creation of any new direct jobs for "qualifying employees" to be achieved/realized within two years pursuant to 8 CFR 204.6(j)(4)(B).

An alien investor's I-829 petition to remove the conditions which was based on an I-526 petition approval that involved the creation of new direct jobs or the creation of new indirect jobs based on a multiplier tied to underlying new direct jobs needs to be properly supported by evidence of job creation. To support the full number of direct and indirect new jobs being claimed in connection with removal of conditions, the petition will need to be supported by probative evidence of the number of new direct full time (35 hours per week) jobs for qualified employees whose positions have been created as a result of the alien's investment. Such

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Note: The requirement for the filing of Form I-924A Supplement commences in fiscal year 2011. Each regional center that remains designated for participation in the pilot program as of September 30, 2011 must submit the Form I-924A Supplement with the required supporting documentation on or before December 29, 2011.

If you have any questions concerning the Regional Center approval and designation under the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program, please contact the USCIS by Email at USCIS.ImmigrantInvestorProgram@dhs.gov.

Sincerely,



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