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Application: Form I-924, Application for Regional Center Under the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program

Applicant: Peter M. Gooding  
Re: Initial Regional Center Designation  
America West Regional Center, LLC  
RCW12 240 50742 / RC ID1224050742

This notice is in reference to the Form I-924, Application for Regional Center Under the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program that was filed by the applicant with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services ("USCIS") on August 27, 2012. The Form I-924 application was filed to request approval of initial regional center designation under the Immigrant Investor Program. The Immigrant Investor Program was established under § 610 of the Department of Commerce, Justice and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1993 (Pub. L. 102-395, Oct. 6, 1992, 106 Stat. 1874).

In addition to the Form I-924, the applicant submitted an actual project, seeking USCIS review and approval of the project supported by a comprehensive business plan as contemplated in Matter of Ho, 22 I. & N. Dec. 206 (Assoc. Comm'r 1998).

**I. Executive Summary of Adjudication**

Effective the date of this notice, USCIS approves the Form I-924 request to designate America West Regional Center, LLC as a qualifying participant in the Immigrant Investor Program.

Effective the date of this notice, USCIS approves the Phoenix Hotel Investors, LLC project based upon the evidence submitted with the application.

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**IV. Guidelines for Filing Form I-526 Petitions Based on Phoenix Hotel Investors, LLC project**

Each individual petition, in order to demonstrate that it is affiliated with the America West Regional Center, LLC, in conjunction with addressing all the requirements for an individual immigrant investor petition, shall also contain the following:

1. A copy of this regional center approval notice and designation letter including all subsequent amendment approval letters (if applicable).
2. An economic impact analysis which reflects a job creation methodology required at 8 CFR § 204.6 (j)(4)(iii) and shows how the capital investment by an individual immigrant investor will create not fewer than ten (10) indirect jobs for each immigrant investor.
3. A comprehensive, detailed and credible business plan for an actual project that contains the factual details necessary to be in compliance with the requirements described in Matter of Ho, 22 I&N Dec. 206 (Assoc. Comm'r 1998).
4. Legally executed organizational documents of the commercial enterprise. The documents may be the same documents noted in Section III of this approval notice.

Note: If the project timeline has changed significantly from the original business plan, a narrative that explains the changes in the project timeline, along with a timeline that realistically reflects the status of the project should be submitted.

**V. Designee's Responsibilities in the Operations of the Regional Center**

As provided in 8 CFR § 204.6 (m)(6), to ensure that the regional center continues to meet the requirements of section 610(a) of the Appropriations Act, a regional center must provide USCIS with updated information to demonstrate the regional center is continuing to promote economic growth, improved regional productivity, job creation, and increased domestic capital investment in the approved geographic area. Such information must be submitted to USCIS on an annual basis or as otherwise requested by USCIS. The applicant must monitor all investment activities under the sponsorship of the regional center and to maintain records in order to provide the information required on the Form I-924A Supplement to Form I-924. Form I-924A, Supplement to Form I-924 Application is available in the "Forms" section on the USCIS website at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov).

Regional centers that remain designated for participation in the Immigrant Investor Program as of September 30<sup>th</sup> of a calendar year are required to file Form I-924A Supplement in that year. The Form I-924A Supplement with the required supporting documentation must be filed on or before December 29<sup>th</sup> of the same calendar year.

The failure to timely file a Form I-924A Supplement for each fiscal year in which the regional center has been designated for participation in the Immigrant Investor Program will result in the issuance of an intent

to terminate the participation of the regional center in the Immigrant Investor Program, which may ultimately result in the termination of the designation of the regional center.

The regional center designation is non-transferable, as any changes in management of the regional center will require the approval of an amendment to the approved regional center designation.

If the applicant has any questions concerning the regional center designation under the Immigrant Investor Program, please contact the USCIS by email at [USCIS.ImmigrantInvestorProgram@uscis.dhs.gov](mailto:USCIS.ImmigrantInvestorProgram@uscis.dhs.gov).

Sincerely,



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