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

Applicant(s): Andrew Dover

Re: Initial Regional Center Designation
Appalachian EB-5 Regional Center
RCW1209050633 / ID12090050633

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 March 30, 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).

I. Executive Summary of Adjudication

1. Effective the date of this notice, USCIS approves the Form I-924 request to designate Appalachian EB-5 Regional Center as a qualifying participant in the Immigrant Investor Program.

II. Regional Center Designation

USCIS approves the applicant's request to focus, promote economic growth, and offer capital investment opportunities in the following geographic area and industry categories:

A. Geographic Area

State/Countries							
North Carolina Counties			Tennessee Counties				
Haywood	Stokes	Caldwell	Hamilton	Cocke	Campbell	Jackson	Rhea
Madison	Ashe	Mitchell	Claiborne	Louden	Johnson	Cannon	Roane
Buncombe	Burke	Polk	Sequatchie	Union	Bradley	Macon	Scott
Henderson	Davie	Forsyth	Cumberland	Meigs	DeKalb	Coffee	Sevier
Rutherford	Avery	Surry	Grainger	Carter	Fentress	Greene	Smith
Transylvania	Clay	Swain	Van Buren	Unicoi	Franklin	Monroe	Sullivan
McDowell	Graham	Yadkin	Hamblen	Bledsoe	McMinn	Morgan	Warren
Cherokee	Jackson	Watauga	Washington	Marion	Grundy	Overton	White
Alexander	Macon	Wilkes	Anderson	Clay	Hancock	Pickett	Knox
Allegheny	Yancey		Jefferson	Blount	Hawkins	Punam	Polk

Note: Pursuant to the Policy Memorandum on EB-5 Adjudications Policy (PM-602-0083), an amendment request is not required if investment opportunities arise outside the geographic area referenced above. USCIS will evaluate eligibility upon the filing of an initial Form I-526 related to that new investment opportunity.

B. Industry Categories

NAICS	Industry Title
2213	Water, Sewage, and Other Systems
2361	Residential Building Construction
2362	Non-Residential Building Construction
2373	Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction
23711	Water and Sewer Line and Related Structures Construction
23799	Other Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction
5312	Offices of Real Estate and Brokers
5313	Activities Related to Real Estate
5411	Legal Services
5413	Architectural, Engineering, and Related Services

Note: Pursuant to the Policy Memorandum on EB-5 Adjudications Policy (PM-602-0083), an amendment request is not required if investment opportunities arise outside the industry categories referenced above. USCIS will evaluate eligibility upon the filing of an initial Form I-526 related to that new investment opportunity.

III. Job Creation

USCIS approves the geographic area and industry categories noted above based on the economic impact analysis presented and reviewed in conjunction with the adjudication of this regional center proposal.

This hypothetical project does not have 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), and therefore, USCIS's approval of the hypothetical job creation estimates presented in the Form I-924 will not be accorded deference and may not be relied upon by an individual investor when filing the Form I-526. The business plan and job creation estimates will receive a de novo review by USCIS when an individual investor files Form I-526. Once an actual project is adjudicated upon the filing of the initial Form I-526 related to the I-924 hypothetical project approval, USCIS will give deference to subsequent Forms I-526 when the critical assumptions remain materially unchanged from the initially-approved Form I-526.

When filing Form I-526, it will be the responsibility of the individual investor to submit a comprehensive, detailed and credible business plan, showing by a preponderance of the evidence that his or her investment in the new commercial enterprise will create not fewer than 10 full-time positions. If prior to filing a form I-829, the job creation estimated in the business plan submitted by the individual investor materially changes or will not be realized, then it will be the responsibility of the EB-5 investor to notify USCIS of an agreed upon methodology to allocate job creation among eligible investors.

IV. Guidelines for Filing Form I-526 Petitions

Each individual petition, in order to demonstrate that it is affiliated with the Appalachian EB-5 Regional Center, 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.

Note: The project reviewed with this Form I-924 application is a hypothetical project. Organizational and transactional documents associated with the new commercial enterprise (NCE) submitted with this Form I-924 have not been reviewed to determine compliance with program requirements since these documents

will receive de novo review in subsequent filings (e.g., an amended Form I-924 application with a Form I-526 exemplar or the first Form I-526 petition filed by an investor under the regional center project).

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.

Regional centers that remain designated for participation in the Immigrant Investor Program as of September 30th 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 29th 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.

Sincerely,



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