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

Applicant: Emanuel Organek

Re: Initial Regional Center Designation - Corrected Approval Notice  
Continental Americas Regional Center, LLC  
RCW1034250079/ ID1034250079

This notice of approval is in reference to the proposal that was filed by the applicant with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services ("USCIS") on November 19, 2010. The proposal 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**

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

**II. Regional Center Designation**

The applicant submitted its Form I-924 requesting designation as a regional center. Upon review of the record, USCIS has determined that eligibility for regional center designation based on a qualifying general proposal and general predictions has been established.

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**A. Industry Categories and Geographic Regions Requested**

The applicant has requested to focus, promote economic growth, and offer capital investment opportunities in the following geographic areas and industry categories:

**1. Geographic Areas - Requested**

| Name of State | Parishes  |
|---------------|---|
| Louisiana     | West Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge, Ascension, St. James, St. John the Baptist, Lafourche, St. Charles, Jefferson, Plaquemines, and Orleans |

**2. Industry Categories - Requested**

| NAICS | Industry Category  |
|-------|--|
| 443   | Electronics and Appliances Stores  |
| 445   | Food and Beverage Stores   |
| 446   | Health and Personal Care Stores  |
| 452   | General Merchandise Stores   |
| 453   | Miscellaneous Store Retailers  |
| 721   | Accommodation  |
| 722   | Food Services and Drinking Places  |
| 5221  | Depository Credit Intermediation   |
| 523   | Securities, Commodity Contracts, and Other Financial Investment and Related Activities |
| 531   | Real Estate  |
| 541   | Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services                                       |
| 6211  | Offices of Physicians  |
| 6212  | Offices of Dentists  |
| 6213  | Offices of Other Health Practitioners  |
| 8121  | Personal Care Services   |
| 8129  | Other Personal Services  |
| 813   | Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, and Similar Organizations                 |
| 236   | Construction of Buildings  |
| 448   | Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores   |
| 5242  | Agencies, Brokerages, and Other Insurance Related Activities                           |

**B. Designation Based on Industry Categories and Geographic Areas**

This regional center designation is based on a general proposal for economic growth in the following industry categories and geographic areas:

**1. Geographic Areas**

| Name of State | Parishes  |
|---------------|---|
| Louisiana     | West Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge, Ascension, St. James, St. John the Baptist, Lafourche, St. Charles, Jefferson, Plaquemines, and Orleans |

## 2. Industry Categories

| NAICS | Industry Name             |
|-------|---------------------------|
| 236   | Construction of Buildings |
| 721   | Accommodation             |

## III. Job Creation

A 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). As such, USCIS's approval of any 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 the applicant files a Form I-924 amendment with an I-526 exemplar or an individual investor files Form I-526. Once an actual project is adjudicated upon the filing of an I-526 exemplar or the initial Form I-526 under the project, USCIS will give deference to subsequent Forms I-526 when the critical assumptions remain materially unchanged from the initially-approved Form I-526. In addition, 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.

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.

## IV. Guidelines for Filing Form I-526 Petitions

Each individual petition, in order to demonstrate that it is affiliated with Continental Americas 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.

**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. If, however, the Regional Center is sold, the Regional Center must notify USCIS within 30 days of the change in ownership by sending notification to the EB-5 program mailbox identified below.

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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