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

Regional Center: Gulf States Regional Center
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Re: Request to Amend Regional Center Designation
Project: The Jung LLC
RCW1412051774

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 04/30/2014. The applicant filed the Form I-924 to request approval of an amendment to a previously approved regional center designation under the Immigrant Investor Program. The Immigrant Investor Program was established under section 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 a completed exemplar Form I-526, Immigrant Petition by Alien Entrepreneur, seeking USCIS review and approval of an actual 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 The Jung LLC project based on the evidence submitted with the above referenced Form I-924 and exemplar Form I-526. The applicant has shown by a preponderance of the evidence that the 1500 Canal Street will be a new commercial enterprise (NCE) and that the project is likely to result in the creation of at least [redacted] obs. USCIS will give deference to the applicant's estimates of actual job creation and economic analysis, the business plan, and the organizational documents, offering memorandum, and investment agreements in subsequent related

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filings of any Form I-526 filed by an individual investor associated with the The Jung LLC project. Deference, however, will not apply if the underlying facts have materially changed, there is evidence of fraud or misrepresentation in the record of proceeding, or the previously favorable decision is determined to be legally deficient (involved an objective mistake of fact or law).

II. Procedural History

On March 28, 2013, USCIS approved the Gulf States Regional Center (GSRC) for participation in the Immigrant Investor Program as a designated regional center with an approved geographical scope of

State	Counties
Florida	Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, and Walton
Alabama	Mobile and Baldwin
Mississippi	Jackson, Harrison and Hancock
Louisiana	Orleans, St Bernard, Plaquemine, Jefferson, LaFourche, Terrebonne, Vermillion, Iberia, St Mary, Lafayette, Cameron, Calcasieu, St Tammany, Atasoosa, Austin Bastrop, Bell, Bexar, Jackson, Johnson, Kaufman, Lavaca, and Lee
Texas	Orange, Jefferson, Chambers, Galveston, Brazoria, Matagorda, Nueces, Calhoun, Refugio, Aransas, San Patricio, Kleberg, Kenedy, Willacy, Cameron, Brazos, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Collin, Colorado, Comal, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Falls, Fayette, Fort Bend, Freestone, Gonzales, Grimes, Guadalupe, Harris, Hays, Henderson, Hill, Hood, Hunt, Leon, Liberty, Limestone, Madison, McLennan, Medina, Milam, Montgomery Navarro, Parker, Robertson, Rockwall, Tarrant, Travis, Van Zandt, Walker, Waller, Washington, Wharton, Williamson, Wilson and Wise

GSRC now seeks to amend its previously approved regional center designation to include an actual project that will be managed by 1500 Canal Street, an NCE established on October 16, 2007.

III. The Project

Effective the date of this notice, USCIS approves the applicant’s amendment request to include the following actual capital investment project supported by an exemplar Form I-526:

Project	Type of Project	Organization Documents	Date of Document
The Jung LLC Geographic Location: New Orleans, LA Focus of Investment: loan, equity	Exemplar Form I-526 Petition Project	Business Plan	Dated 04/2014
		Economic Analysis	Dated 04/2014
		Operating Agreement	Dated 04/21/2014
		Confidential Private Placement Memorandum	Submitted 04/30/2014
		Subscription Agreement	Submitted 04/30/2014
		Limited Partnership Agreement	Submitted 04/30/2014
		Escrow Agreement	Submitted 04/30/2014
		Title to fee simple estate or land	Dated 01/06/2014

Note: If material changes to this project and its supporting documents are found in a subsequent Form I-526 petition or Form I-829, Petition by Entrepreneur to Remove Conditions, USCIS will review the supporting documents once more to ensure continued compliance with EB-5 program requirements.

The Gulf States Regional Center (GSRC) was established on 03/28/2013. On 04/28/2014 the Regional Center requested an addendum to include NAIC code 5311, Lessor of Real Estate and asked for approval of an actual exemplar I-526 for the new commercial enterprise – 1500 Canal Street LLC.

History of The Jung began in 1925, as a 10-story, 323-room hotel and was considered the “largest and most magnificent hotel in the South.” In 1982 The Jung was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Jung has gone through many expansions, reaching a room total of 759 and operated as Radisson Hotel New Orleans until hurricane Katrina closed the hotel doors in 2005. The hotel remains vacant today.

The proposed mixed-use Jung Hotel redevelopment is planned for a seventeen-story building comprising 145 lodging units, and 175 multifamily units. The property also proposes two restaurants and bars, meeting space, a spa/fitness center; possible grocery store, gift shop and parking facilities for 484 spaces and a 7 story parking garage. The Jung is located near the BioDistrict, where revitalization is currently underway with the construction of a 200 bed Veteran Affairs Hospital (VA) and the 424 bed LSU University Medical Center (UMC).

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IV. Job Creation

The job creation methodology presented in the economic impact analysis and underlying business plan is found to be reasonable based on the following inputs, when applying the RIMS II economic model:

NAICS ¹	Industry Name	Input (\$Millions)	Multiplier	Jobs
23	Construction	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
5413	Architectural, Engineering and Related Services			
44-45	FF&E purchases			
5411	Legal Services			
721	Hotel operations			
5311	Retail & residential leasing			

The approval of this Form I-924 application, supported by the exemplar Form I-526 petition, is based upon the assumptions and estimates used as inputs in the business plan for job creation. Please refer to the input and multiplier analysis table above.

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The economic analysis accurately portrays the assumptions stated in the business plan, and the calculations using RIMS II multipliers are verifiable. The applicant has shown by a preponderance of the evidence that the project is expected to result in the creation of approximately [REDACTED] direct and indirect jobs from construction, rental, and hotel activities associated with the The Jung LLC project.

USCIS will give deference to the job creation methodology when adjudicating Forms I-526 and I-829 associated with The Jung LLC. Deference, however, will not apply if the underlying facts have materially changed, there is evidence of fraud or misrepresentation in the record of proceeding, or the previously favorable decision is determined to be legally deficient (involved an objective mistake of fact or law).

It will be the responsibility of the individual investor to demonstrate that the assumptions and estimates presented as inputs to the job creation methodology remain materially unchanged when he or she files a Form I-526. When filing Form I-829 for removal of conditional status, the individual investor has the burden of demonstrating that the assumptions and estimates presented as inputs to the job creation methodology have not materially changed and have been realized (or can be expected to be realized within a reasonable time). If the assumptions and estimates presented as inputs to the job creation methodology have materially changed, an updated business plan and economic analysis may need to be submitted to establish eligibility.

¹ These industry codes are used for informational purposes in estimating job creation and do not limit the economic or job creating activity of an approved regional center or its investors. Jobs created in industries not previously identified in the economic methodology may still be credited to the investors in subsequent Form I-526 and Form I-829 filings, as long as the evidence in the record establishes that it is probably true that the requisite jobs are estimated to be created, or have been created, in those additional industries.

If the job creation estimated in the business plan and economic analysis 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.

V. Guidelines for Filing Form I-526 Petitions based on the The Jung LLC project

Each individual petition, in order to demonstrate that it is affiliated with the Gulf States 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 the individual immigrant investor will more likely than not create ten (10) jobs.
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*.
4. Legally executed organizational documents of the commercial enterprise. The documents may be the same documents noted in Section III of this approval notice.
5. 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.

VI. 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 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 in that year. The Form I-924A 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 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.

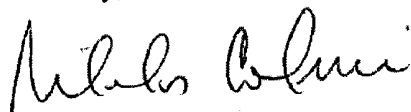
VII. Legal Notice

This approval and designation of a Regional Center under the Immigrant Investor Program does not constitute or imply an endorsement or recommendation by USCIS, the United States Government or any instrumentality thereof, of the investment opportunities, projects or other business activities related to or undertaken by such Regional Center. Except as expressly set forth in this approval and designation, USCIS has not reviewed any information provided in connection with or otherwise related to the Regional Center for compliance with relevant securities laws or any other laws unrelated to eligibility for designation as a Regional Center. Accordingly USCIS makes no determination or representation whatsoever regarding the compliance of either the Regional Center or associated New Commercial Enterprises with such laws.

Each Regional Center designated by USCIS must monitor and oversee all investment offerings and activities associated with, through or under the sponsorship of the Regional Center. The failure of an associated New Commercial Enterprise to comply with all laws and regulations related to such investment offerings and activities may result in the issuance by USCIS of a notice of intent to terminate the Regional Center designation.

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

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