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Application: Request for Designation as a Regional Center
Applicant(s): Jeffery E. Champion

Re: Texas Urban Triangle Regional Center
RCW1108950188

Pursuant to Section 610 of the Appropriations Act of 1993, on March 30, 2011, Jeffery E. Champion submitted a proposal seeking approval and designation by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) of the Texas Urban Triangle Regional Center.

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

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:

The Texas Urban Triangle Regional Center shall have a geographic area to include the 40 counties within the Texas Triangle, divided into 13 separate county groups of Dallas Group: Dallas, Collin, Denton and Tarrant counties; Johnson Group: Johnson and Ellis counties; Hill Group: Hill and Navarro counties; Freestone Group: Freestone, Limestone and Leon counties; McLennan Group: McLennan, Coryell and Bell counties; Falls Group: Falls, Milam and Lee counties; Brazos Group: Brazos, Robertson and Burleson counties; Travis Group: Travis, Williamson and Hays counties; Bexar Group: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe counties; Gonzales Group: Gonzales, Lavaca and Colorado counties; Harris Group: Harris, Montgomery, Fort Bend and Waller counties; Washington Group: Washington, Grimes, Madison and Walker counties; and Bastrop Group: Bastrop, Caldwell and Fayette counties.

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: construction and development of new commercial enterprises within the Regional Center.

The Regional Center shall focus on offering EB-5 compliant capital investment opportunities into the development, operation, and management of real estate development projects, including the development of new commercial enterprises in the following target industry economic categories:

1. NAICS 722 Food Services & Drinking Places
2. NAICS 721 Accommodations
3. NAICS 44-45 Retail Trade
4. NAICS 623 Assisted Living Facility
5. NAICS 23 Construction

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

Aliens seeking immigrant visas through the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program may file individual petitions with USCIS for capital investments in new commercial enterprises located within and affiliated with the approved Regional Center area.

The geographic focus of this area may contain some High Unemployment Targeted Employment Areas (TEAs) as designated by the State of Texas 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

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. The approved econometric model is RIMS II.

The law, as reflected in the regulations at 8 CFR 204.6(m)(6), requires that an approved Regional Center in order to maintain the validity of its approval and designation must continue to meet the statutory requirements of the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program by serving the purpose of promoting economic growth, including increased export sales (where applicable), improved regional productivity, job creation, and increased domestic capital investment. Therefore, in order for USCIS to determine whether your Regional Center is in compliance with the above cited regulation, and in order to continue to operate as a USCIS approved and designated Regional Center, your administration, oversight, and management of your Regional Center shall be such as to monitor all investment activities under the sponsorship of your Regional Center and to maintain records, data and information in order to provide the information required on the Form I-924A supplement. Form I-924A, Supplement to Form I-924, is available in the "Forms" section on the USCIS website at www.uscis.gov.

Effective November 23, 2010, the failure to timely file a Form I-924A Supplement for each fiscal years in which the regional center has been designated for participation in the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program will result in the issuance of an intent to terminate the participation of the regional center in the Pilot Program, which may ultimately result in the termination of the approval and designation of the regional center.

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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