



The United States Federal EB-5 Immigrant Investor Visa Program

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What is the EB-5 Program? (Investor)





- The purpose of the program is to encourage foreign investment into the U.S. economy by giving foreign entrepreneurs who invest in a new U.S. commercial enterprise the opportunity to permanently live, study and work in the United States.
- Each year, the EB-5 program sets aside 10,000 visas for qualifying foreign nationals.
- Many immigrants seek to obtain U.S. residency through the EB-5 Program as it is faster than many other visa options and has no language or educational requirements.
- The EB-5 Program requires an investment of \$1,000,000.00 (or \$500,000.00 in a Targeted Employment Area) in a new commercial enterprise that will employ at least ten full-time U.S. persons.

How to Qualify and Timeline

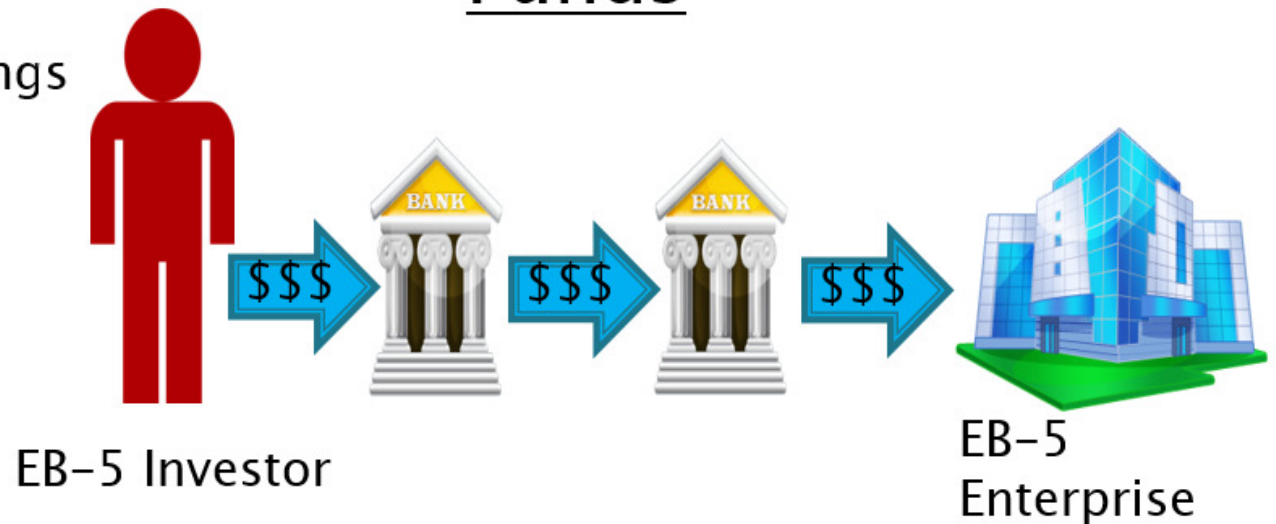
- EB-5 Investor provides documentation to attorney supporting the lawful source of their investment funds
- EB-5 Investor invests their \$500,000.00 within a federally approved EB-5 project and provides evidence of the money trail to the Attorney
- Attorney submits evidence and funds receipt to USCIS. USCIS Processing time about 17 months
- EB-5 Investor attends consular interview with US Embassy in their home country or files for AOS if within the US on lawful status. 4 – 6 months.

Lawful Source and Tracing of Funds

Lawful Source

-  Lawful business earnings
-  Salary from work
-  Gifts, loans, etc.
-  Illegal activity, etc.

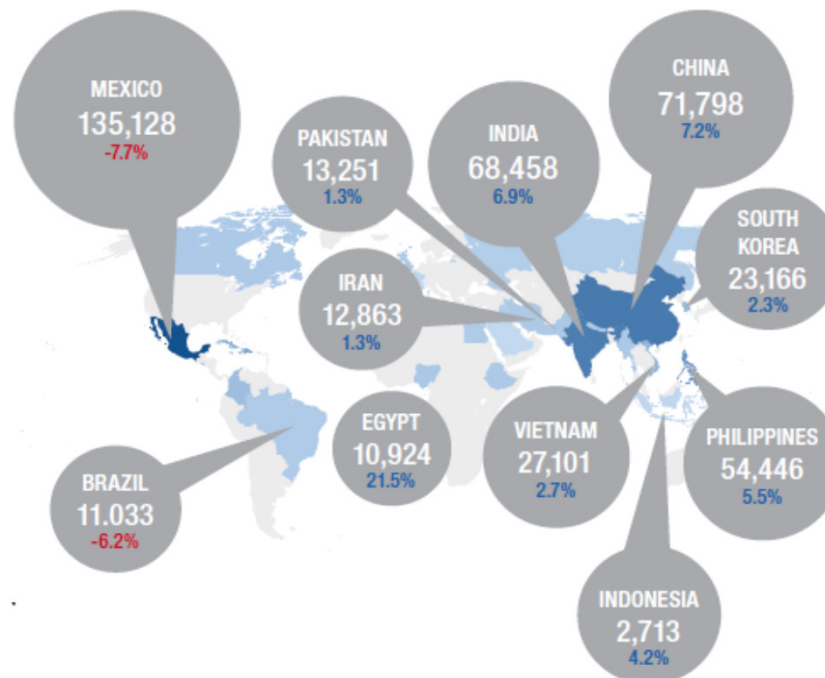
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What is the EB-5 Program (Project Owners)

- Complimentary Source of Project Funds
- Can be placed as equity or debt
- Can be non-recourse
- Generally sits in second position in the capital stack
- Loan terms are usually 5 – 7 years

Top Places of Origin



Source DHS office of Immigration Statistics in 2013

The Regional Center Program

- A Regional Center is a federally accredited entity that seeks to promote economic growth through investment within a defined geographic area.
- Over 1000 accredited regional centers
- Accreditation takes 12 – 18 months
- Florida is 2nd most active RC market, popular with LATAM investors
- \$15.5 Billion invested through RC's since 2008
- 29,300 jobs created from the Regional Center Program



Regional Center vs. Direct Investment

Attribute	Regional Center	Direct Investment
Jobs	Direct, Indirect and Induced	10 direct jobs
Investment type	Indirect and pooled	Direct
Investment Amount	Generally \$500,000	\$500,000 - \$1M (Non TEA)
Management	RC Managed or Appointed	Investor Managed
Ownership	Loan based with date of exit	Investor Equity
Flexibility	Investor can reside anywhere in US	Investor must reside in same location of the business to operate it
Control	Investor is LP or LLC Member	Investor has full control
I-829 Petition	RC provides all documentation	Investor must maintain records of expenditures and employment