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

Applicant: Gulf States Regional Center, LLC

Re: Request to Amend Regional Center Designation
Gulf States Regional Center, LLC
RCW13 308 51261 / RC ID1201750575

This notice of approval 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 November 04, 2013. The Form I-924 application was filed 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 § 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 amendment request for the regional center's additional geographic area listed in Section III of this notice.

II. Procedural History

On March 28, 2013, USCIS approved the Gulf States Regional Center, LLC for participation in the Immigrant Investor Program. Based on the initial designation the Gulf States Regional Center, LLC obtained approval for the following geographic area and industry categories.

Geographic Area		
State	Counties	Approval Date
Florida	Escambia County Group: Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton	March 28, 2013
Alabama	Mobile County Group: Mobile and Baldwin	
Mississippi	Harrison County Group: Jackson, Harrison and Hancock	
Louisiana	Orleans Parish Group: Orleans, St. Bernard, and Plaquemine and Jefferson Lafourche Parish Group: Terrebonne and LaFourche Lafayette Parish Group: Vermilion Iberia, St. Mary and Lafayette Cameron Parish Group: Cameron and Calcasieu	
Texas	Jefferson County Group: Orange, Jefferson, Chambers, and Galveston Brazoria County Group: Brazoria and Matagorda Nueces County Group: Nueces, Calhoun, Refugio, Aransas and San Patricio Cameron County Group: Kleberg, Kenedy, Willacy and Cameron	

Industry Categories		
NAICS	Industry Name	Approval Date
722	Food Services and Drinking Places	March 28, 2013
721	Accommodation	
44-45	Retail Trade	
623	Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	
23	Construction	

III. Amendment Request

Effective the date of this notice, USCIS approves the applicant's amendment request to incorporate the following change:

Geographic Area

USCIS approves the applicant's amendment request to include the following geographic area:

State	Counties	Counties
Louisiana	St. Tammany	
	Atascosa	Jackson
	Austin	Johnson
	Bastrop	Kaufman
	Bell	Lavaca
	Bexar	Lee

Texas	Brazos	Leon
	Burleson	Liberty
	Burnet	Limestone
	Caldwell	Madison
	Collin	McLennan
	Colorado	Medina
	Comal	Milam
	Dallas	Montgomery
	Denton	Navarro
	Ellis	Parker
	Falls	Robertson
	Fayette	Rockwall
	Fort Bend	Tarrant
	Freestone	Travis
	Gonzales	Van Zandt
	Grimes	Walker
	Guadalupe	Waller
	Harris	Washington
	Hays	Wharton
	Henderson	Williamson
Hill	Wilson	
Hood	Wise	
Hunt		

IV. 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 a Form I-924 is not 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, 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.

V. Guidelines for Filing Form I-526 Petitions

Each individual petition, in order to demonstrate that it is affiliated with the Gulf States 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.

Note: The projects reviewed with this Form I-924 application are hypothetical projects.

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, 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.

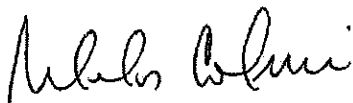
If the applicant has any questions concerning the regional center designation under the Immigrant Investor Program, please contact the USCIS by email at USCIS.ImmigrantInvestorProgram@uscis.dhs.gov.

LEGAL NOTICE:

This approval 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicholas Colucci". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "N".

Nicholas Colucci
Chief, Immigrant Investor Program