



## About IIUSA

The Association to Invest in the USA (IIUSA) is a membership organization representing over 220 federally designated EB-5 Regional Centers across the country serving 47 states/territories. An integral part of IIUSA's mission is to stimulate economic development and job growth through continued success of the program as well as advance and maintain industry standards and best practices.

***A comprehensive, peer-reviewed economic study found that during fiscal year 2012, investments made through the EB-5 program contributed \$3.39 billion to U.S. GDP and supported over 42,000 U.S. jobs. This is more than a 100 percent increase from the average annual impact result reported in 2011.***

Even greater economic impact will likely be reported for 2013, with significant growth in EB-5 investor applications seen in the last two years. Currently, there are over 9,000 pending EB-5 investor applications representing \$4.5 billion in potential direct investment and 90,000 jobs.

## The EB-5 Regional Center Program

Congress created the EB-5 program in 1990 to benefit the U.S. economy by attracting investments from qualified foreign investors. In 1992, Congress enhanced the economic impact of the program by permitting the designation of Regional Centers that are eligible to accept and pool EB-5 capital for investments in economic development projects within a defined geographic region.

EB-5 Regional Centers fill a critical need for new funding sources in the aftermath of the 2008 financial crisis, leverage additional capital to enhance the economic impact of EB-5 investments and help local governments and businesses integrate EB-5 investments into their overall economic development strategies.

## IIUSA's Membership: An Engine for Economic Growth

Approximately 95 percent of all capital raised through the EB-5 economic development program is raised in affiliation with IIUSA's members. These include Regional Centers that are publicly owned and operated by state economic development agencies, public-private partnerships, as well as private sector investment companies.

Capital investments made by IIUSA members have supported successful economic development projects, including:

- Redevelopment of a closed Air Force base in Southern California into a vital commercial area including a distribution center and regional airport
- Development of assisted and retirement living communities in Washington State, creating 800 jobs and serving approximately 130 seniors
- The transformation of the closed Navy yard in Philadelphia into a dynamic, multi-use development now home to 130 companies and 10,000 employees
- Restoration of the historic “Alaska Club” building in Seattle, creating a modern hotel that employs almost 100 people and serves over 100,000 hotel guests annually
- Expansion of a one season ski-resort in Vermont into a thriving four season vacation destination.
- Rehabilitation of a 100 year old building into a hotel that created 161 jobs while kick-starting the revitalization of an historic Dallas neighborhood

### **Commitment to Transparency and Program Integrity**

Proper oversight, transparency, compliance with – and enforcement of – all applicable securities, anti-fraud and immigration laws and regulations are essential to maintain the confidence of all stakeholders and ensure that the program continues bring capital and job creation to American communities. IIUSA welcomes engagement with Congress and federal agencies to protect the integrity of the EB-5 program.

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