



IIUSA Member Perspective

Why the 2019 IIUSA EB-5 Industry Forum Is A Key Event on My Calendar

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At this pivotal time for EB-5 stakeholders in the United States, it can be a real challenge to convince others of the value of attending industry events and forums.

However, this fall you will find me at IIUSA's [9th Annual EB-5 Industry Forum](#) in Seattle, WA. This year's event is by far the most important conference on my calendar as the industry and key stakeholders look to chart a new course for the EB-5 Regional Center industry.

What is the IIUSA EB-5 Industry Forum?

A can't miss event might be an understatement. This year's event is of critical importance for any and all regional center stakeholders as we collectively look to shape a new feature for the Program.

With a strong emphasis on education, industry best practices and business development on a world stage, the event is sure to have programming for everyone. On top of that, it will bring together many of the leading industry stakeholders as the industry collectively looks ahead to the challenges (and opportunities) that may be coming our way.

Why Am Attending this Year's IIUSA EB-5 Industry Forum?

I am certainly looking forward to re-connecting with colleagues and friends, and more importantly I am looking forward to meeting new faces across the spectrum of EB-5 stakeholders, including EB-5 regional center operators, attorneys, developers, economic development professionals, foreign intermediaries, banks and other financial service providers to name a few.

In addition, this year's jam packed program features a host of important panels ranging from economic development finance, immigration law and of course legislative and regulatory updates. IIUSA programming is second to none and I look forward to listening in on all of this year's panels because I know that the information I will receive will be timely, in-depth and critical to my success in the year ahead.

I am also looking forward to joining my IIUSA member-led committee to discuss our important ongoing work. While not all members are able to serve on a committee at one time, members are always invited to observe the committee meetings during the in-person events and I know my committee members would be eager to see a new face!

Did I mention all of the networking opportunities that will be available at this year's event? I know that I am looking forward to networking receptions, exhibit hall time and other curated opportunities!

The Benefits of Referring Others to the 9th Annual IIUSA EB-5 Industry Forum

Whilst the positive points of attending this year's Seattle event are plain to see, there are even more potential benefits that can be enjoyed if you refer somebody to join IIUSA as a new member. Not only will you receive a referral credit (applicable to your ticket cost), your name will also be entered into a raffle to

win a prize at the event!

For new members who join prior to the event, they will also receive a complimentary ticket to this year's Forum. This is an incredible value and I for one could not think of a better decision someone could make at this time. If you are looking to succeed in the EB-5 marketplace, I would certainly encourage you to join as a member and of course participate in this year's important Industry Forum.

It goes without saying that those who become new members of IIUSA will reap the myriad of benefits that this brings, including real-time updates on industry developments and policy trends, discounts to all IIUSA events and resources, and the opportunity to connect with industry peers. This allows for increased access to capital investment projects, legal resources, interested investors, and distinguished foreign and domestic partners. In short, membership enables you to succeed.

An Exciting Event with Can't-Miss Opportunities for Learning and Networking

Clearly, this year's EB-5 Industry Forum is set to be an exciting event of great value to those in attendance. The benefits of making sure you are there are indeed plentiful, with invaluable knowledge and opportunity for connecting over the three day schedule of events.

I know that I am looking forward to the event, and I hope to see many industry stakeholders, both new and old, there as well. Now is the time for the EB-5 industry to support its one and only trade association and I will be doing so by purchasing my ticket today!

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