



IIUSA EB-5 Achievement Banquet Award Ceremony

IIUSA is excited that in conjunction with the 11th Annual EB-5 Advocacy Conference we will host our first-ever industry-wide award ceremony to recognize and celebrate member success from the past year.

The award ceremony will honor our members who have made the most substantial contributions to the association by creating a strong and vibrant membership and who have had success in the industry by promoting local economic development across the country. Winners will be recognized on April 22, 2018 at a special Industry Achievement Banquet which will be hosted the night prior to the official start of the EB-5 Advocacy Conference.

In addition to the award ceremony, IIUSA will also honor members support during the Banquet through recognition of long term members, members of the IIUSA leadership and more!

Schedule:

Jan 18, 2018	Industry Wide Announcement Calling for Nominations
March 8, 2018	Announcement of Nominees
March 8-March 15, 2018	Award Voting is Open
April 22, 2018	IIUSA EB-5 Industry Achievement Banquet

Organization Awards:

Outstanding Media Coverage of the Year

Every EB-5 project that accomplishes what it sets out to do is great for industry public relations- telling the story of job creation, economic development and the American dream. This award is for the project that embodied that story to the utmost in the past year through community revitalization, impressive and meaningful job creation and overall economic contribution through use of the EB-5 Regional Center Program.

Public-Private-Partnership of the Year

Public Private Partnerships are a unique and exciting way to use EB-5. This award is to recognize the benefits of public entities partnering with private Regional Centers, showing that together they can grow their local economies with creative and effective financing.

New Market Champion

Recognizing a person or business that has pioneered a new market for EB-5 investors. Outside of the industry's top markets, there are eager investors in countless other countries looking to come to the U.S. and contribute to our economic development. This award celebrates the people who are taking the charge and taking the risk to establish new markets for EB-5 investors.

Community Impact of the Year

The rippling impact that EB-5 capital has on not just those directly involved with a project, but its surrounding community, is what makes the Regional Center program truly "regional". We recognize those who have made a notable difference in an economy whether that is by financing traditionally under-financed industries, brought life to a blighted neighborhood, or made other major contributions to their surrounding neighbors.

Individual Awards

Investor Entrepreneur of the Year

We all know EB-5 investors have significant economic impact through their investments in EB-5 projects, but seldom do we celebrate their continued impact beyond their EB-5 investment. This award recognizes the entrepreneurial spirit of an EB-5 investor that, in addition to their EB-5 investment, continues to be an economic driver for American communities, whether through further investment in American businesses, creating their own U.S. business or otherwise. The benefit of EB-5 can be seen and felt well beyond the bounds of the Program.

EB-5 Advocate of the Year

It is no secret we live in a time where advocacy is paramount. Without our voices being heard over and over again, we risk a future of EB-5 that is not what we envision. This award is to distinguish the relentless, determined and profound activism of an individual who has truly made a difference in the effort to keep the EB-5 Program alive as well as ensuring that any reform results in a stronger, more sustainable Program for the future.

Industry Game Changer of the Year

Every year EB-5 Industry Service providers unveil new and exciting products and services and this year was no different. This award is intended to recognize the industry service or innovation from the past year that positively impacted your business and enabled the industry to succeed.

Litigator of the Year

This award is to recognize excellence in litigation in court cases related to the EB-5 Program.

Lifetime Achievement Award

A true champion of EB-5, someone who has dedicated many years of service to the advancement of IIUSA and the industry. A person whose contributions have positively impacted the association and Program and can be seen and felt every day.

EB-5 Hero

Celebrating a true hero of EB-5—someone who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to promote and follow IIUSA's Code of Conduct and live our values of being guardians of ethics, embody professionalism, are fair and reliable, champions of the code and committed to fostering an industry that is adherent to best practices.

Rising Star

Just because someone is new or just getting their stride, doesn't mean they're necessarily making any less impact on the industry. This award seeks to give recognition to someone who may be newer on the EB-5 scene, but is making a big impression with their work, either through their projects, legal work, deal making or otherwise. This is the future of EB-5!

Committee Member Year

Nominate the IIUSA Committee member that had the most meaningful impact on the association and the industry through their dedicated work over the last year.

International Service Provider of the Year

While most of IIUSA's members live and work domestically, many of you could not achieve what you do without the hard work and expertise of service providers abroad. This award is to recognize excellence of our international members, working every day overseas to assist your business in succeeding.

Industry Thought Leader: Author of the Year

IIUSA proudly curates the *Regional Center Business Journal* as well as digital content found on the IIUSA blog. This award recognizes an author that provided thought-provoking and timely content to any of IIUSA's publications over the past year.