



Frisco Texas International Development Center (FTIDC)

What is the EB-5 Program?

- The “EB-5 Program” refers to a visa category – Employment Based Fifth Preference (EB-5) – created in 1990 to promote job creation and encourage foreign investment in the United States.
- Immigrant investors receive conditional resident status in the United States for a 2-year period upon an investment of \$1M (or \$500,000 in “targeted employment areas”).
- Capital must be invested in a “new commercial enterprise” that creates 10 permanent U.S. jobs per investor. If the project is an existing company, the 10 new jobs have to be in addition to the existing jobs in the business.
- If the 10 jobs per investor are indeed created, then the investor, spouse and any unmarried children under 21 receive permanent U.S. green cards.
- The EB-5 Program is administered by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), which is overseen by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

What is a Regional Center?

- A Regional Center is defined as any economic unit, public or private, which is involved with the promotion of economic growth, improved regional productivity, job creation, and increased domestic capital investment.
- In simple terms, a Regional Center is an area designated by the USCIS as eligible to receive immigrant investor capital.

What is a Targeted Employment Area?

- Targeted Employment Area (TEA) is any city, county, census tract or other geographical area accepted by the USCIS that has an unemployment rate over 150% of the national average, or a rural area.

Benefits of the EB-5 Program

- Direct route to permanent residency in the U.S. for the investor, their spouse and any children under the age of 21.
- Live, work and retire anywhere in the U.S.
- Investor and their families may attend college or university in the U.S.
- Become a US citizen after USCIS requirements are met.
- In 2014, 85% of all EB-5 visas were from for China, followed by South Korea, Mexico, Taiwan and Vietnam.

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- The Frisco Texas International Development Center (FTIDC) was approved by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) on August 1, 2013 as a designated regional center and covers a three-county region: Collin, Dallas and Denton Counties.
- The FTIDC is wholly-owned and controlled by the City of Frisco's Economic Development Corporation (FEDC).
- FTIDC is interested in the following types of EB-5 Projects: Office buildings, Mixed-use developments, Hotels/Convention Centers, Entertainment venues and Medical facilities.

Why FTIDC Projects?

- The FTIDC and is deeply committed to our foreign investors. The FTIDC provides a wide range of investment and ongoing support services through our relationship with our partners. We are able to not only facilitate and expedite a successful immigration process; we are able to deliver a full set of investment management services.

“Invest in the FTIDC today and build your dreams for you and your family”

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