



**U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services**

May 11, 2015

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Louisiana & Mississippi Regional Center – **Designation Terminated**
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Notice of Termination

This letter shall serve as notification that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has terminated the designation of Louisiana & Mississippi Regional Center ("LMRC") as a regional center under the Immigrant Investor Program ("Program") pursuant to Title 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations (8 CFR) section 204.6(m)(6).

The regulation at 8 CFR § 204.6(m)(6) provides:

Termination of participation of regional centers. To ensure that regional centers continue 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, or increased domestic capital investment in the approved geographic area. Such information must be submitted to USCIS on an annual basis, on a cumulative basis, and/or as otherwise requested by USCIS, using a form designated for this purpose. USCIS will issue a notice of intent to terminate the participation of a regional center in the pilot program if a regional center fails to submit the required information or upon a determination that the regional center no longer serves the purpose of promoting economic growth, including increased export sales, improved regional productivity, job creation, and increased domestic capital investment. The notice of intent to terminate shall be made upon notice to the regional center and shall set forth the reasons for termination. The regional center must be provided 30 days from receipt of the notice of intent to terminate to offer evidence in opposition to the ground or grounds alleged in the notice of intent to terminate. If USCIS determines that the regional center's participation in the Pilot Program should be terminated, USCIS shall notify the regional center of the decision and of the reasons for termination. As provided in 8 CFR 103.3, the regional center may appeal the decision to USCIS within 30 days after the service of notice.

On September 8, 2014, USCIS issued to LMRC a Notice of Intent to Terminate (NOIT) the Louisiana & Mississippi Regional Center, which afforded LMRC 30 days from receipt of the

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notice to offer evidence in opposition to the grounds alleged in the NOIT. The evidence submitted in response to the NOIT, received on October 3, 2014, does not meet the preponderance of evidence standard to justify allowing LMRC to continue participating in the EB-5 Program.

Reasons for Termination

Thus, pursuant to 8 CFR 204.6(m)(6) and for the reasons set forth in the NOIT, USCIS has determined that LMRC no longer serves the purpose of promoting economic growth, including increased export sales, improved regional productivity, job creation, or increased domestic capital investment. In the Response to the NOIT, the applicant made the following argument: there was a change in ownership that occurred on July 9, 2013 and therefore, LMRC feels USCIS should grant the regional center additional time to select and sponsor a suitable project.

USCIS approved the Regional Center in 2008 for more than ten NAICS codes in Louisiana and Mississippi to select suitable projects from. It has been more than 20 months since LMRC was acquired by the new owner but LMRC has still not filed an I-924 amendment with an actual project. And, the new owner failed to file the I-924A for 2013 on time—it was filed on January 27, 2014.

Moreover, LMRC does not have a website to promote the Regional Center and inform prospective investors about the projects it has under consideration. After careful consideration, USCIS has determined that LMRC has failed to provide the preponderance of evidence required in opposition to the grounds alleged in the NOIT. Accordingly, USCIS terminates LMRC's participation in the Program because LMRC no longer serves the purpose of promoting economic growth.

Procedure to Appeal the Decision to Terminate

If you disagree with this decision, or if you have additional evidence that shows this decision is incorrect, you may file a motion or an appeal to this decision by filing a completed Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal or Motion, along with the appropriate filing fee. A copy is enclosed. You may also include a brief or other written statement and additional evidence in support of your motion or appeal. The Form I-290B must be filed within 33 days from the date of this notice. If a motion or appeal is not filed within 33 days, this decision is final.

You must send your completed Form I-290B and supporting documentation with the appropriate filing fee to the address indicated below.

If using the U.S. Postal Service:
USCIS
P.O. Box 660168
Dallas, TX 75266

If using USPS Express Mail/Courier:
USCIS
2501 S. State Highway 121 Business
Suite 400
Lewisville, TX 75067

Your motion or appeal must be filed on Form I-290B and must be accompanied by a fee of \$630.00. The check or money order used for the Form I-290B filing fee must be drawn from a bank or other financial institution located in the United States and must be payable to U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

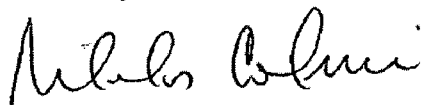
In support of your appeal, you may submit a brief or other written statement for consideration at the time of initial filing of the Form I-290B or within 30 calendar days of filing. If you are filing an appeal of this decision, you may, if necessary and for good cause, request additional time to submit a brief or other statement by submitting a written explanation for the need for additional time. Any brief, written statement or other evidence in support of an appeal that is not filed concurrently with Form I-290B, including any request for additional time for the submission of a brief must be sent directly to the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) at:

USCIS
Administrative Appeals Office
20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Mail Stop 2090
Washington DC 20529-2090

The appeal of the termination may not be filed directly with the AAO. The appeal of the termination must be filed in accordance with the Form I-290B instructions and at the address indicated above.

For more information about the filing requirements for appeals and motions, please see 8 C.F.R. § 103.3 or 103.5, or visit the USCIS website at www.uscis.gov.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: (1) Form I-290B with instructions
(2) Notice of Intent to Terminate issued on September 8, 2014