



EB-5 Stakeholder Engagement

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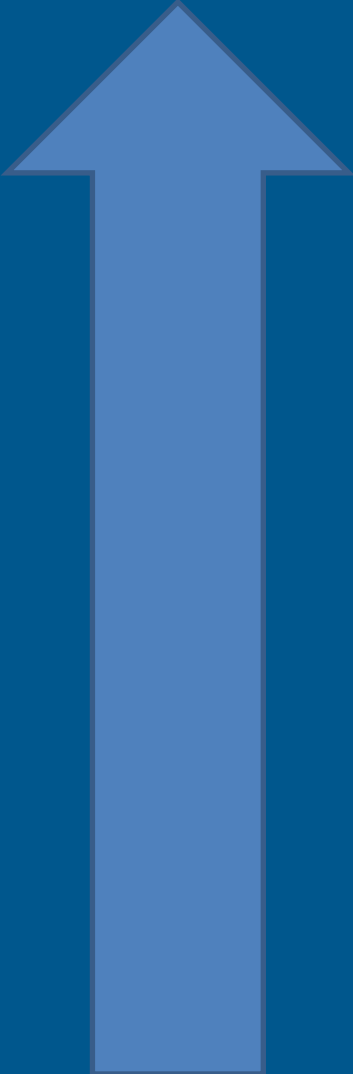
FY 2014

Completed Transition and Significant Staffing Growth



FY 2014

Unprecedented Program Growth

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- Almost 600 Regional Centers (RC) (an increase of nearly 230 from FY 2013)
 - Nearly 11,000 Immigrant Petitions by Entrepreneur (Form I-526) (\$5.5B in potential investment)
 - Used Up Visa Allocation for first time in program history (10,000)

Form I-924A Review

- 7 Regional Centers terminated for Failure to File
- 28 Notices of Intent to Terminate issued for Failing to Promote Economic Growth, all under consideration as we moved into FY 2015
- 2 Regional Centers terminated for Failing to Promote Economic Growth

Form I-924 and I-924A

Public Comment

- Form I-924 and Form I-924A are currently open for public comment as of Wednesday, October 22, 2014 until December 22, 2014.
- To make suggestions on changes, visit the Federal Register Volume 79, Number 204
<http://www.regulations.gov/#home>

FY 2014

Program Related Statistics Increases from FY 2013

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- Nearly 11,000 Immigrant Petitions by Entrepreneur (Form I-526) (+72%)
 - > 270 Applications for Regional Centers under the Immigrant Investor (Form I-924) (+34%)
 - > 2,500 Petitions by Entrepreneur to Remove Conditions (Form I-829) (+106%)

FY 2015 Planning

- **Functional**
 - Maintaining strong infrastructure
 - Continuing to develop workforce

- **Operational**
 - Customer Service and Outreach
 - High Quality Services
 - Strengthening Program Integrity

Other Items of Note

- **GAO Audit**
 - Fraud risks and mitigation strategies
 - Validity and reliability of methodologies to determine job growth and economic benefits
 - Study on economic impact of program

- **Department of Commerce Study**
 - Agreement signed
 - Report due November 2015

USCIS ELIS

- **Document Library**
 - Regional Centers upload “deal packages”, that have previously approved project’s documents that have been given deference
 - Deal packages can be used by multiple investors with a one-page attestation document, which replaces project’s deference documents, to be submitted with their Form I-526
 - Reduces paperwork, can facilitate adjudication

USCIS ELIS (Questions)

- Have you:
 - Heard about USCIS Electronic Immigration System, also known as ELIS?
 - Participated in a webinar on how to use ELIS?
- Have you or the RC considered :
 - Using the document library to provide deference documents to investors?
- Have you or the immigrant investors considered:
 - Electronically filing the Form I-526?

EB-5 Adjudication Policy Memorandum

The May 30, 2013, EB-5 Adjudication Policy Memorandum can be found at:

[www.uscis.gov > LAWS > Policy Memoranda > EB-5 Policy Memo](#)

Contact Us

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- For questions, comments, and suggestions regarding:
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