



EB-5 Visas -Key Requirements -

Certain key requirements for a successful EB-5 visa petition are stated below:

1. **Accredited Investor under Securities and Exchange Commission Rules.** In general the potential investor must have a net worth of over \$1 million, or, alternatively, must have made over \$200,000 per year for the past several years.
2. **Minimum Capital Investment of \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.** Investments of US\$500,000 are permitted only if the investment is made in a high unemployment area or rural region.
3. **USCIS Analysis of Source of Funds.** Invested funds must have been obtained lawfully. Detailed evidence of lawful source of funds is essential to the immigrant investor process.
4. **At Risk Funds.** U.S. law requires that all of an investor's funds invested in an EB-5 Regional Center must be at risk of loss, and be applied to generate jobs and profit.
5. **Job Creation Requirement.** The investment of each EB-5 investor must create ten (10) full-time jobs for U.S. workers in a period of two years from the date of becoming a Lawful Permanent Resident. Investments in EB-5 Regional Centers are allowed the important benefit of being able to count new jobs created directly or indirectly.
6. **Management.** The EB-5 program requires that each investor be an "active participant" in the management of the commercial enterprise in which he or she invests. Daily management of the investment project is undertaken by the management of the Regional Center. Limited partnerships and certain limited liability companies have generally been recognized as appropriate investment vehicles under the EB-5 program.